Recipe Sharing to Create Change

Fundingfrom the Inner North Community Foundation helps break down barriers toemployment for localpeople, like Hanim (picutred). Photo courtesy of Lindi Huntsman.
Cooking enthusiasts from all over Moreland, Darebin, and Yarra are sharingtheir favourite recipes with the Inner North Community Foundation this May forthe organisation’s first ever Cook For Your Community fundraiser.

The fundraiser is an opportunity for local people to celebrate communitydiversity, culture, and a love of food by submitting a recipe to the foundationwhile making a donation to benefit community well-being.

Recipes are being compiled into a community cook book which will beavailable for free download on the Inner North Community Foundation’s website, www.innernorthfoundation.org.au, at theend of the month. Recipes in the book so far include mains, like Aunty Chicken, and desserts like Toblerone ‘Heavenly’ Cheesecake.

“The recipe book is a fun way to be involved with your community while helpinglocal people build their capacity towards getting a job” says Miles Openshaw,the Inner North Community Foundation Communications Officer.

The Inner North Community Foundation funds employment projects assistinghundreds of local people in the inner north of Melbourne every year. “Participatingin funded programs helps them become more financially independent, buildself-esteem and confidence, and improve social and job networks” says Miles. Programparticipants face daily barriers to employment such as living with mentalillness, homelessness, or limited job prospects as a migrant or refugee.

A target of $5,000 has been set for the fundraiser and money raised willgo towards the Inner North Community Foundation’s 2012 Pathways to Employment grant round, which will assist more localresidents to secure necessary work and life skills.

In an end of fundraiser event, those who submit recipes to the book canalso be voted for by the public as recipe winners on the foundation’s Facebookpage or by email. These winners will have the chance to cook with a trainedchef in a commercial kitchen at CERES Community Environment Park on June 17th,12 pm.

For more details, call Miles on 8689 1972 or email mopenshaw@innernorthfoundation.org.au.For more details about the event, visit www.cookforyourcommunity.eventbrite.com.

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