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### Tenth Annual Michiana Chili Cook-off winners announced

**SOUTH BEND, IN/October 22, 2008/Martin's Super Markets/** -- Winners of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Michiana Chili Cook-off have been announced by the competition's sponsors.

Teams competed for various titles during the cook off, which was held October 19 at Town Square at Mishawaka's Heritage Square Plaza.

Most Original Recipe trophy was awarded to the team representing Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club, South Bend.

Martin's Super Markets, headquartered in South Bend, received the Best Booth Award.

Three teams received recognition in the People's Choice category. Awards are based on the number of votes received from those attending, as each paid admission entitled the bearer to vote for one team of their choosing. First place in the category was won by Orchard Hills Country Club of Buchanan. American Culinary Federation (ACF) Apprentices of South Bend received a second place trophy, while third place was captured by Moreau Seminary Dining Hall of Notre Dame, located in Notre Dame.

A panel of local celebrities was on hand to determine winners in the Judge's Choice category. A first-place award was presented to ACF Apprentices of South Bend. Three Pigs Pork Co., a team composed of several area food aficionados and friends, received the second-place award. The third-place trophy went to Trio's Restaurant & Jazz Club, South Bend.

Over 600 visitors were on hand during the four-hour event to sample the chili of 17 different competitors.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the ACF's local chapter scholarship fund and the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

Major co-sponsors of this year's event were the ACF South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association and Martin's Super Markets.

A non-profit organization, the American Culinary Federation's mission is to make a positive difference for culinarians through education, apprenticeship and certification, while creating a fraternal bond of respect and integrity among culinarians everywhere. The ACF South Bend Chefs and Cooks Association is dedicated to promoting the professional image of cooks and chefs through education among culinarians at all levels - from apprentice to master.

Martin's Super Markets was founded in 1947 and currently has 20 stores in South Bend, Mishawaka, Granger, Elkhart, Goshen, Plymouth, Nappanee and Logansport, Indiana, and Niles, Stevensville and St. Joseph, Michigan.

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