

# BUSINESS ALBUM



The cookoff judges, representing all of the branches of the military, taste each team's chili and take notes for when they come together to select "Best Chili."



Sue and Joe Markowitz came out for the day to support the veterans at The Baltimore Station for the seventh annual Stars, Stripes & Chow chili cookoff.



U.S. Army soldiers came out to enjoy a day of chili in support of the veterans at The Baltimore Station at its annual chili cookoff competition and fundraiser.



Bands from Soundcheck Rock Academy in Columbia provided the entertainment at The Baltimore Station's seventh annual Stars, Stripes & Chow chili cookoff.

## The Baltimore Station raises more than \$55K with record attendance at annual chili cookoff

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The Baltimore Station, a residential and community-based treatment program supporting veterans and others transitioning from homelessness and substance use disorder to self-sufficiency, drew a record 450 attendees as it raised more than \$55,000 at its seventh annual Stars, Stripes & Chow chili cookoff Nov. 6 at Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

The money from the event, presented by M&T Bank, will directly support services for individuals in The Baltimore Station program.

Teams participating in the chili com-

petition represented the area's business and nonprofit community. Emerging as the judges' pick for Best Chili was MartinFederal Consultime LLC, also known as the "MartinFederal Pit Crew." The Maryland Multi-Housing Association once again took home the People's Choice award for its "It Ain't Easy Being Green" chili. The Best Booth award went to MMHA for its nostalgic Muppets theme featuring Fozzie Bear, Kermit, Animal and The Swedish Chef. MartinFederal also took home the trophy for Top Fundraiser.

"It was amazing to bring our sup-

porters back together in person this year. The excitement and energy helped us have one of our most successful chili cook-offs since launching the event seven years ago," said Kim Callari, deputy director of The Baltimore Station. "This event goes far beyond delicious chili, good music and fun. The day is all about supporting the veterans who have done so much for this country and everyone came through for the veterans this year."

Endless samples of original chili recipes delighted guests while Pizza di Joey Food Truck supplemented the

menu by generously contributing his Baltimore's Best pizza, along with a full lunch spread provided by Chow Corp and City Limits supplied the open bar of beer, wine, soda and water.

Bands of all ages from Soundcheck Rock Academy in Columbia provided the entertainment with music ranging from classic rock to today's hits. With the expanded kid's zone, families with children of all ages enjoyed activities such as the caricature drawings, a cupcake decorating station, a petting zoo by Ferrets & Friends, sidewalk games and more.



Alexandra Protos, left, donor operations manager at The Baltimore Station, and Kim Callari, the organization's deputy director, have some fun with The Oriole Bird.



The Baltimore Ravens Playmakers once again had a good time at The Baltimore Station's seventh annual Stars, Stripes & Chow chili cookoff as they mingled with guests.