



Dear Supporter,

SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc. is planning the **7th Annual Chili Cook-Off, Music and Craft Market** on Sunday, February 16, 2025 in the Club Square Parking Lot, Cape Coral, FL.

We are excited about this event and the impact it will have in Cape Coral and all Southwest Florida communities.

Proceeds from this event will benefit The Korean War Veterans #155 of SWFL and Glio Support Association, Inc. These funds will allow them to provide services in Southwest Florida and help them to continue their missions.

The Korean War Veterans Chapter 155 has an endowment scholarship with Florida Southwestern that began in 2008. The scholarships are awarded to a veteran or a child or grandchild of a veteran. For the past seven years, it has also provided \$500 scholarships to Cape Coral Technical College and Fort Myers Technical College. They participate yearly in several community charity events that provide for children, families and those in need.

Glio Support Association, Inc. was created to aid and assist Glioblastoma patients, families and caregivers; however, their services are available to all brain cancer patients and families. Their services benefit the families and caregivers by assisting with maintaining the family and home, counseling, nutrition, boot camp training workshops, support and home maintenance services from diagnosis to healing, Hospice or palliative care.

The motto of the **SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc.** is "Helping with Heart". The specific purpose of our non-profit organization is to raise funds through active fundraising events, contributions from the general public, other public charities and foundations. These funds are in turn donated to local Veterans, Underprivileged Families, Children, Seniors and Individuals in need.

To make our 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off, Music and Craft Market a reality, we are asking for your help with our most immediate needs. Would you consider being an event sponsor and/or attending our event as a contestant or vendor? Donations of products, services and raffle items are also greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena Neroni
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SWFL Charities Foundation Inc. is designated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a tax-exempt organization as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code **EIN# 92-3137366**. Please keep a copy of this letter for Tax purposes. To comply with the IRS requirements regarding charitable donations, we affirm no goods or services have been provided to you in whole or in part, in exchange for this charitable contribution.

A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM **THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800) 435-7352** WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE. *SWFL CHARITIES FOUNDATION INC. | Reg#CH71899*



7th Annual Chili Cook-Off, Music & Craft Market

Registration & Hold Harmless

Date: February 16, 2025 Time: 1pm -4:00pm Location: Club Square, Cape Coral, FL

All Sponsors, Product Vendors, Individual Chili Contestants and Participating Restaurants will be provided with one space for a canopy no larger than 10' x 10'. Any Vendor requiring more space than provided will be required to pay an extra registration fee.

All Sponsors, Product Vendors, Individual Chili Contestants and Participating Restaurants are required to have a canopy and all canopies must be weighted. All participants are responsible for providing their own canopy, chairs, tables, weights, etc.

All Restaurants and Individual Chili Contestants will be provided with electricity and are required to provide their own outdoor electrical cord no shorter than 50 feet. Sample cups, spoons and napkins will be provided to you.

As a Sponsor:

I/We understand sponsors are not required to attend the event. If we attend the event and sell product, I/We understand that all sales taxes are the responsibility of myself or my company.

As an individual Chili Contestant:

I agree that the entry fee in the amount of \$25.00 is payable upon receipt of registration. I agree to provide and serve a minimum of 3 quarts of Chili at the event. I understand that my Chili is a donation to the event and I can provide more than 3 quarts and condiments (i.e.: cheese, onions, sauces, etc.) if I wish to do so. I agree to collect one (1) ticket for each three (3) ounce portion of chili I serve except those given to the judges. I will agree chili will be the only food item served to the attendees. I agree to allow the panel of restaurant professionals to taste and judge my entry. I agree to be a judge of the entries of the Participating Restaurants. I attest that my entry has been prepared under sanitary conditions, has been cooked to proper temperatures and I will maintain the chili at proper temperature throughout the event. I agree to allow no more than two people at any one time in the space provided to me for preparation and serving of my entry.

As a Participating Restaurant:

I/We agree that the entry fee in the amount of \$50.00 for the event is payable upon receipt of registration. I/We agree to provide and serve a minimum of five (5) gallons of chili for to event. I/We can provide condiments (i.e.: cheese, onions, sauces, etc.) if I/We wish to do so. I/We will agree chili will be the only food item served to the attendees. I/We will maintain the chili at proper temperature throughout the event. . I/We must have a fire extinguisher. I/We agree to collect 1 ticket for each three (3) ounce portion of chili I/We serve except those given to the judges. I/We agree to allow the Individual Chili Contestants entered in the event to taste and judge my/our entry. Payment in the amount of fifty percent (50%) of the monies received for the ticket sales that are collected by myself or my employee(s) will be paid at the end of the event to myself or my company. Ticket value is \$2.00 (two dollars) each. I/We understand that all sales taxes are the responsibility of myself or my company.

As a Product Vendor:

I/We agree that the entry fee in the amount of \$50.00 for the event is payable upon receipt of registration. I/We understand that all sales taxes are the responsibility of myself or my company.

As a Food Truck

I/We agree that the entry fee in the amount of \$100.00 for the event is payable upon receipt of registration. I/We will not serve beverages or Chili and our items offered will be determined by agreement with the SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc. prior to the event. I/We understand that all sales taxes are the responsibility of myself or my company.



Chili Sponsor: \$250.00

- Company Logo marketed through SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc. social and printed media.
- 10 X 10 space to sell/promote your products/business.
- Recognition throughout event.
- Tax deductible.

Tabasco Sponsor: \$500.00

- Company Logo marketed through SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc. social and printed media and online information linked to the company website/social media page.
- 10 X 10 space to sell/promote your products/business.
- Recognition throughout event.
- Tax deductible.

Scotch Bonnet Sponsor: \$750.00

- Company Logo marketed through SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc. social and printed media and online information linked to the company website/social media page.
- Sponsor's banner space provided near stage and at beverage area at event.
- 10 X 10 space to sell/promote your products/business.
- Recognition from stage of sponsor and sponsor's products.
- Tax deductible.

Habanero Sponsor: \$1000.00

- Company Logo marketed through SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc. social and printed media and online information linked to the company website/social media page.
- Two (2) minutes stage time to promote business.
- Sponsor's banner space provided near stage and at beverage area at event.
- 10 X 10 space to sell/promote your products/business.
- Tax deductible.

Ghost Sponsor: \$1500.00

- Title sponsor
- Company Logo marketed through SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc. social and printed media and online information linked to the company website/social media page.
- Five (5) minutes stage time to promote business.
- Sponsor's banner space provided in a prominent position by stage.
- 10 X 10 space to sell/promote your products/business.
- Tax deductible.

LOGO DEADLINE FOR PRINTED MEDIA FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025



7th Annual
Chili Cook-Off, Music & Craft Market
Sponsor Registration & Hold Harmless

Please Print

Business _____

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Table with 3 columns: Sponsorship Level, Amount, and blank line. Rows include Chili (\$250.00), Tabasco (\$500.00), Scotch Bonnet (\$750.00), Habanero (\$1000.00), and Ghost (\$1500.00).

Total Payment Due \$ _____

HOLD HARMLESS

In participation for Chili Cook-Off, Music & Craft Market, I hereby, my heirs, executors and assigns, do waive, release, and hold the SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc., Korean War Veterans #155 of SWFL, GLIO Support Association, Inc. and the City of Cape Coral, Florida harmless from all claims or cause of action for damages or personal injury suffered by me while participating in this event.

My signature below confirms that I have read, understand, agree to the terms and conditions and that I am an authorized to enter this agreement.

Signature _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Date _____

Payment, Application and Logo must be submitted by January 17, 2025

Payable to: SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc
9821 Quinta Artesa Way#106
Fort Myers, FL 33908



7th Annual Chili Cook-Off, Music & Craft Market

Participant Registration & Hold Harmless

Please Print

Business _____

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

RESTAURANTS & FOOD TRUCKS LOGO DEADLINE JANUARY 17, 2025	Participant Level:	Individual Contestant	\$25.00 _____
		Restaurant Contestant	\$50.00 _____
		Product Vendor	\$50.00 _____
		Food Trucks	\$100.00 _____

Total Payment Due \$ _____

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My signature below confirms that I have read, understand, agree to the terms and conditions and that I am an authorized to enter this agreement.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Received by _____ **Date** _____

Payment and Application must be submitted by January 31, 2025

**Payable to: SWFL Charities Foundation, Inc
9821 Quinta Artesa Way#106
Fort Myers, FL 33908**



**7th Annual
Chili Cook-Off, Music & Craft Market
Sunday February 16, 2025
1:00pm until 4:00pm
DAY OF INSTRUCTIONS**

Each participant has agreed to terms and conditions of the Registration. Please refer to your agreement before your arrival to make sure you have everything you are required to provide for the event.

All vehicles **MUST** check in at the Main Entrance of the event before entering event area. This entrance is on SE 10th Place behind Hooked Island Grill. Sponsors, Restaurants, and Food Trucks will have assigned spaces. All others will be placed upon arrival.

Restaurants and Food Trucks may arrive no early then 10:30am and no later than 11:30pm. You must be ready for fire inspection by 12:00pm. All vehicles must be removed from event area before inspection. You may begin to tear down no earlier than 4:00pm and must be finished by 5:00pm.

Sponsors, Product Vendors and Individual Entries may arrive no early than 11:30am and no later than 12:00pm. All vehicles must be removed from event area by 12:30pm. You may begin to tear down no earlier than 4:00pm and must be finished by 5:00pm.

Trash removal is the responsibility of the Sponsors, Product Vendors, Individual Chili Contestants, Participating Restaurants and Food Trucks. Please remove trash from the area you have used for the event. Ample trash cans will be provided. Thank you for your respect of our city's parking lot.

Thank you for your participation, cooperation, and support of our Fundraising event. If you have any questions, please call 239-770-6871 or go to the Ticket Booth to have us contacted. We will address issues on a first come basis.