

"Partners with A Common Purpose"

Collaboration with the regulatory community, having a feeling of family, understanding and respecting each other, our jobs, understanding and respecting what we do, what we do for each other and what lives change because of the unique partnership.

As a chef, I believe the business of food is also the business of people! In food safety, it is not enough to just concern yourself with pathogens and procedures, to be truly successful you must have a heart for people too. Moreover, that must be the standard for regulators as well.

Together, collaboration gives more meaning and understanding to the WHY of food safety. I had the honor to collaborate and collaborate with the Southern Nevada Health District Team to give a face to life threatening food allergies, working together towards a common goal.

Together we were able to provide training, a training video and hand out material that the Southern Nevada Health District implemented immediately with a full roll out using random unannounced live inspections as the vehicle so this training did not inconvenience the operators.

These collaborations allowed us to develop real-time industry and regulatory training material to maximize the training impact; the different points of view gave a more realistic look at allergen training, allergen enforcement and a user-friendly approach that industry would welcome.

Though serving food allergic guests can be daunting it is doable and when industry and regulatory agencies collaborate with a common goal in mind, the outcome is fruitful and positive. The positive impact is that we have a higher percentage of restaurant allergen awareness through-out Nevada's hospitality industry and that makes not only our food allergic guests safer but all those with special dietary needs.

I am humbled and honored to be a part of such an amazing rolodex of industry professionals who get up every day with a whatever it takes attitude to make a difference and especially proud of the Southern Nevada Health District for allowing me to be a part of this project.

Humbly Submitted,

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