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Westchester Magazine's 9th Annual Wine & Food Festival Announces
2019 Jr. Chef Experience

*Event offers engaging food-focused fun, kid chef demos and
hands-on activities for budding little chefs*



PHOTO: L to R: Chopped Jr Champions Arielle and Alfie Wayner, Elizabeth Oakes

WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NY – Feb 27, 2019 – Westchester Magazine announced today the return of this year's Jr. Chef Experience which is sure to be a hit with our county's littlest chefs! Designed for children, ages 5 and up, this popular event, now in its third year, encourages the love of cooking at an early age. The Jr. Chef Experience will take place Sunday, June 9 from 10 am – noon at Savor Westchester at The Westchester in White Plains.

"Our Jr. Chef Experience is designed to engage the county's youngest foodies," said Westchester Magazine publisher, Sam Wender. "We're lucky to host accomplished young Westchester chefs who have been featured on The Food Network and are excited to display their culinary talent."

This hands-on event encourages creativity as kids learn basic cooking techniques from working chefs. Little culinary artists can also practice cupcake decorating, pizza making and many other fun food-based activities.

"Come on everybody let's get cookin'!" Join characters from Nickelodeon's newest hit, **Butterbeans Café**, for meet-and-greets and photos. The popular show stars Butterbean and her fairy friends as they run a magical bakery that serves up life lessons like cooking and problem solving.

Our Jr. Chef demos will include some of the brightest talent in the region. Here's the lineup:

Chopped Jr. champion **Elizabeth Oakes** will return for an interactive demo. This Dobbs Ferry resident is no stranger to the Junior Chef Experience. Oakes has joined and inspired budding chefs since the Jr. Chef Experience began three years ago.

No sibling rivalry here! New Rochelle siblings **Arielle and Alfie Wayner** are a dynamic duo in the kitchen. The Wayners recently won a sibling cooking content on the Food Network Chopped Jr! Their love of cooking started with assisting their mom with gingerbread house making and acting as sous chefs with their grandmother for holiday dinners. The brother and sister team are excited to share their creations at Jr. Chef.

New this year, **Sharon N'Diaye**, founder of **Cooking with Kids**, will host a hands-on session on basic cooking skills. N'Diaye's classes, held throughout Westchester, concentrate on world geography, new cuisines and the importance of a clean work space. Classes introduce kids to new foods and we encourage them to taste what they make! The fun and engaging demo encourages kids to have a positive association with food.

No kids event is complete without dessert. **Taylor Wolf** of Wolfies Pastries will join for baking and cupcake making. Raised in Harrison, Wolf began baking with her grandmother, a Boston baker and cake decorator. She now teaches private classes at clients' Westchester homes. Wolf also runs Wolfies Pastries, a 3-in-1 mobile business that combines teaching, catering, and special-order service.

The event will also feature kid foodie fun from some of Savor Westchester's restaurants including grilled cheese samplings at Melt Shop and pizza making with Tomato & Co. Jr. Chefs can also enjoy cupcake decorating with Williams-Sonoma plus balloon making, music and more!

Tickets are \$25 and includes a complimentary apron and chef hat. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets visit www.westchestermagazine.com/winefood.

About Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Festival

Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Festival, now in its 9th year, is the Hudson Valley's most iconic event of the year. The festival is an exclusive gathering of the top chefs and wine experts in Westchester County, with more than 100 top restaurants and world-class wines, bringing together over 9,000 people from the region. Westchester Magazine's Wine & Food Festival takes place June 4-9, 2019. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Feeding Westchester and the Westchester Parks Foundation.