2026 GINGERBREAD STROLL
BENEFITING COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF DALLAS

Pastry Chef Participation Guidelines

Community Partners of Dallas and NorthPark Center invite talented pastry chefs, bakers and culinary artists to participate in the 2026 Gingerbread Stroll. This beloved holiday tradition showcases extraordinary gingerbread creations while raising critical funds to support children experiencing abuse and neglect.

Event Details

Dates: November 20 - December 11, 2026
Location: AMC Court, Level Two, NorthPark Center
Public Viewing: Free during NorthPark Center operating hours, including the highly trafficked Black Friday shopping season.

Gingerbread Creation Requirements

- All entries must be an original gingerbread creation designed and constructed by the participating chef or team.
- **Store-bought or pre-made gingerbread kits, molds or templates are not permitted.**
- Entries should be designed to fit within a maximum display footprint of **23" x 23"** and a maximum height of **27"** to ensure proper placement under the protective display dome.
    - CPD will provide an approved wood pastry board to serve as the base for your creation.
- Each creation will be displayed on/in a vitrine and protected by a clear plexiglass dome or plexiglass ledge throughout the event.

- Designs should be structurally sound and capable of remaining on display for the duration of the event.

Design Review & Display Standards

To help create a cohesive and successful exhibit experience, all participating chefs are asked to adhere to the Gingerbread Creation Requirements outlined above. Community Partners of Dallas and NorthPark Center reserve the right to determine whether a creation meets the exhibit's display standards and may decline to display entries that do not meet the requirements for originality, size, stability or exhibit suitability upon delivery.

Delivery & Installation

All gingerbread creations must be delivered and installed on:

November 19, 2026 at 6:00 a.m.

Additional delivery and load-in instructions will be provided closer to the event.

Sponsor Preview Party

Participating creators are invited to attend the **Gingerbread Stroll Sponsor Preview Party** on:

November 19, 2026
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
NorthCourt, NorthPark Center

This special evening will celebrate sponsors, participating chefs and community supporters before the exhibit opens to the public.

Fundraising Component

Each gingerbread creation will serve as its own fundraising opportunity.

Community Partners of Dallas will create a dedicated online donation page for each creation and visitors may support their favorite through a digital raffle:

- **$25 Donation = 1 Raffle Entry**
- **$100 Donation = 5 Raffle Entries**

At the conclusion of the event, one donor supporting each creation will be drawn to win that gingerbread display.

People's Choice Award

Guests will also have the opportunity to **vote via $5 donations** for their favorite creation throughout the event.

The entry receiving the most public votes will be recognized as the **2026 People's Choice Winner** and highlighted on CPD's social media channels.

For additional information, please contact:

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Your participation in the Gingerbread Stroll will help create a magical holiday experience for Dallas families while supporting Community Partners of Dallas' mission to provide what abused and neglected children urgently need today to thrive tomorrow.

Thank you for sharing your creativity and talent to make a difference for Dallas children.