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## ACF Awards John King

John King of East Islip, NY, the founder and chief customer officer at J. Kings Food Service Professionals in Holbrook, NY, has been awarded the "Culinary Excellence" award by the American Culinary Federation of Long Island (ACFLI). The award was presented to Mr. King and J. Kings at the ACFLI 13<sup>th</sup> annual Culinary Excellence Awards Ceremony and Dinner.

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The ACFLI "Culinary Excellence" Award is awarded to a Long Island company that promotes culinary professionalism in every aspect of their business. The award was given to J. Kings in recognition of the outstanding contributions that the company continues to make not only in the food service industry, but also in helping Long Island's businesses, individuals, and communities.

"J. Kings is truly the type of company we had envisioned when we decided to create this award," says Christopher J. Neary, CEC, president of ACFLI. "Under the direction of John King, the company has grown into the largest Long Island-based food service company. Not only are they professional in all that they do, but they are never-ending pioneers in new technology and consistently represent the idea of 'let's do it for Long Island business, individuals and communities.' We congratulate John and J. Kings on being one of the most outstanding companies in our industry."

Since founding J. Kings Food Service Professionals in 1974, Mr. King has grown the company into one of the largest independent food service distributors in the country. Through the years, he has expanded the company to offer not only comprehensive food service distribution, but also additional value-added services for clients. He created both the J.

## ACF Of LI Presents John King With "Culinary Excellence" Award

Kings Culinary Team and the J. Kings Design Team to offer expertise and assistance in restaurant/deli/retail food store design—including equipment specifications, menu development, culinary support, and restaurant/store layout—while continuing to provide customers with the finest quality of food service distribution.

Currently, Mr. King is on the board of directors of the New York State Restaurant Association/Long Island Chapter, as well as serving as a board member for Pro\*Act. An active member of the community, Mr. King was a former chairman of the Board for Hospice Care Network, and has been instrumental in raising funds for the Hospice Care Network's Children's Bereavement Program. At J. Kings, he has made "giving

back to the community" an important part of their mission, and the company is involved in helping many not-for-profit organizations, including Island Harvest, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The ACFLI event, which was held at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place and attended by more than 250 food industry leaders, top chefs, and restaurant professionals, featured awards in a number of different categories within the culinary field – with winners earning the prestigious distinction of being named by the ACF as "the best of Long Island." This marks the third year that the ACFLI has awarded a company with the prestigious honor of the "Culinary Excellence" award.