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Superhero Savings with A Super Co-op

CP hosts 24th Annual Nutrition and Product Expo & Vendor Exhibit



Each year, Choice Partners (CP) provides an opportunity for in-person collaboration between its vendors and members. With a superhero theme, this year's events were all about the super ways CP vendors provide products and services to meet the needs of their members. This paved the way for many to come dressed as their favorite superhero.

Amidst the aroma of sizzling spices and the symphony of satisfied taste buds, students and nutrition directors embarked on a culinary adventure during Choice Partners' 2023 School Nutrition & Product Expo. The next day, CP vendors helped attendees discover solutions

to their business needs during the Vendor Exhibit; adding another year of fantastic back-to-back events in October.

"All the costumes were so exciting, and we even brought in Hulk and Spiderman for students to take pictures with, which has been a big hit," said Trisha Prestigiacomo, Choice Partners assistant director.

"Along with our typical food options, we included food equipment and chemical supplies for cleaning cafeterias this year to inspire food service directors who may be looking to replace kitchen wares or purchase alternative cleaning supplies."



Students try out food that has the chance to be added to their school menu.



Brothers Food Service, a CP gold sponsor, showed up dressed for the occasion.

For students like Sophia Lloyd, a fourth grader from the Galena Park Independent School District, her school's cafeteria provides access to nutritious meals that may not be available at home. Lloyd was all smiles as she explored varieties of American, Asian, and Mexican cuisine.

"The food was awesome, and I got to try a lot of things I've never had before," Lloyd said with a smile. "There were pork chops, chicken nuggets, and fruit, but my favorite was still the French fries."

Choice Partners uses feedback from student surveys to plan for future food contracts, enabling the co-op to maintain its standard of service.

Choice Partners' food division is one of the biggest in Texas with regard to the number of members, vendors, and competitively bid contracts.



Two taste testers with their chaperone enjoying a vendor's sample.



The Vendor Exhibit was the next day in the same location sporting the same theme. Many vendors also embraced the event by dressing up in super hero costumes.

Choice mixed up the event this year with the option for light bites

throughout the event. Popcorn, ice cream and t-shirt give aways were a big hit!



Guillermo Ramos, Operations of OVOL USA, gives a pouch to an attendee alongside his coworker.

Members enjoyed the occasion to have conversations with vendors about their

organization's specific projects allowing vendors to provide solutions through their offerings. With more than 70 vendors present, an array of options were presented to attendees.



Butler team members show off their comic book spirit.



Steve Gibson, CP contract manager, gifts a "best Costume" award to JR Thomas Group.



Jeff Drury, senior director of CP, poses with the team of United Rentals.

(left) A comic panel from a custom-made comic book that was provided by Satori Marketing, available on the CP website:
www.choicepartners.org/satori-comic-pages.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Our offices will be
closed Nov. 23-24.

We will be here
for you when we
return on Monday, Nov. 27.

For emergencies, call



Happy
Thanksgiving!

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Choice Chat Podcast

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HCDE Interlocal Agreements with new members: Blanco ISD, Blanco, Texas; Boyd ISD, Boyd, Texas; Eastland ISD, Eastland, Texas; Region 15 ESC, San Angelo, Texas; Peaster ISD, Weatherford, Texas; Robinson ISD, Robinson, Texas, and Southwest Key Programs, Austin, Texas.

Out-of-state new members: El Camino Real Academy, Albuquerque, N.M.; Highline Public Schools, Burien, Wash.; Richmond Behavioral Health, Richmond, Wash.; South College, Knoxville, Tenn.; Village of Wauconda, Wauconda, Ill. and Willow Lane High

Contracts

Recently Awarded Contracts: Auctioneer Services and Related Solutions.

Contract Assignments: Blackman Mooring of Texas BMS CAT LLC; Brown & Root Industrial Services LLC; Cotton Commercial USA; Enerwise Global Technologies dba CPower and Auctions International, Inc.

Upcoming Events



IMCAT

Instructional Materials Coordinators' Association of Texas

Inform
Mentor
Collaborate
Advocate
Train



IMCAT
Dec. 3-5
Round Rock, Texas

Nutrition and Product Expo
Oct. 10, 2024
Humble, Texas

Current CSP's & RFP's

General Contractor JOC (Job Order Contracting-IDIQ)

Motor & Aviation Fuel, Alternative Fuels, Lubricants & Related Items

Medium and Heavy-Duty Trucks, Chassis, Trailers and Related Items and Services

Janitorial Cleaning Services and Related Items

Due Date: Nov. 28, 2023

Due Date: Dec. 1, 2023

Due Date: Dec. 7, 2023

Due Date: Jan. 24, 2023

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Do you know a vendor who has provided exemplary service? Have a statement to make about Choice Partners service quality? Want to share with others about a Choice contract that meets your needs? Submit your review using the link below.

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Let your contacts who are quality vendors know about these opportunities. They must register in our E-Bid system to do business with us.

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