UCCA’S 6TH HUMANITARIAN AID & SPECIAL DELIVERIES MISSION WITH RACHAEL RAY

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For the 6th time Celebrity Cook Rachael Ray traveled to Ukraine with UCCA to deliver humanitarian aid & assist the children.

On this visit, UCCA was accompanied by (L to R):

Joe Farrell, owner and proprietor of Pop’s Sunset Grill in Nokomis, FL;
UCCA President Andriy Futey;
celebrity cook Rachael Ray; Chef Giancarla Bodoni; & Chef Noah Sims.
As has become tradition, the first stop on the trip is to St. John Bosco Youth Educational Center.

Never arriving empty handed, Rachael delivered backpacks filled with water bottles, sports caps, flashlights & portable chargers for all the children.
Assisting Rachael on her 5th Master Cooking Class were Chef Giancarla, Chef Noah and Joe Farrell...
Where they taught the students how to prepare the delicious Italian dish of Chicken Saltimbocca, along with some homemade chocolate chip cookies, per the children’s request.
After which they all enjoyed the meal together.

UCCA then had further discussions with the team about conducting a future program of internships/mentorship with chefs in both Italy and the United States.
The group held a meeting with Lviv’s Mayor Andriy Sadovyy

Where they discussed UCCA and Rachael Ray’s ongoing cooperation and projects, including their work as Ambassadors for Lviv’s UNBROKEN national rehabilitation Center.

They informed the Mayor that several pieces of kitchen equipment - including large paella pans - have been funded and delivered, to the kitchen they are designing, which anticipates serving 12,000 meals a day to feed children, injured soldiers and civilians.
Rachael, Andriy & the group visited Lviv’s National Rehabilitation Center UNBROKEN, where a series of cooking demonstrations took place. The first demonstration was presented to the wounded soldiers from all over Ukraine who are rehabilitating at the Center.
The second cooking demonstration was held for the mothers, wives and daughters of the wounded soldiers. Rachael prepared various salads and sandwiches that are typical in Ukrainian households, with her own Rachael Ray twist. This demonstration was accompanied by a lively discussion between the women, exchanging cooking and preparation tips as well as recipes.
Andriy and Rachael also checked in with LVIV VOLUNTEER KITCHEN – an all-volunteer kitchen that prepares dehydrated meals for Ukraine’s heroes on the front. They visited with the volunteers to thank them for all of their hard work.

During the meeting Rachael & UCCA committed to send them commercial kitchen equipment that would make their work easier.
UCCA wants to express its sincere gratitude to the entire team that traveled to Ukraine – Rachael, Joe, Giancarla & Noah – for their unwavering support! A special thanks goes out to our partner Rachael Ray for all that she continues to do to help Ukraine, especially its children. Her commitment and generosity are unmatched.