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### UNITEDHEALTHCARE, STEP UP FOR STUDENTS HOLD HEALTHY-COOKING EVENT AT INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- *Health and wellness event part of UnitedHealthcare's ongoing support of Step Up For Students, which provides scholarships to K-12 students in need.*
- *UnitedHealthcare has provided \$20 million to the nonprofit's scholarship fund since 2009*

**TAMPA, Fla. (Dec. 2, 2011)** — Incarnation Catholic School's third graders today learned how to make healthy snacks from chef Jennifer Lee of *Food for Thought, Pass a Grille*, followed by the students' own cook-off competition in a special event sponsored by UnitedHealthcare and Step Up For Students, a nonprofit that administers the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship for low-income students.

Chef Lee, who specializes in healthy cooking, held two cooking demonstrations before the students teamed up to put their newly gained knowledge to the test. UnitedHealthcare executives judged the children's creations based on creativity, presentation and taste.

The event, designed to help children learn the importance of healthy eating habits, is part of UnitedHealthcare's ongoing commitment to helping Florida's youths live healthier lives, in part by supporting nonprofits such as Step Up For Students.

Step Up for Students administers an innovative program that enables corporations to redirect a portion of their Florida tax liability to fund K-12 scholarships for underprivileged students. This year, the scholarships were worth up to \$4,011 per student, which families may use toward tuition at one of nearly 1,200 schools across the state. Families also may elect to use a \$500 transportation scholarship to attend a public school in another county.

Since the program began a decade ago, companies have contributed more than \$900 million to Step Up For Students. UnitedHealthcare began supporting the nonprofit in 2009 and already has contributed a total of \$20 million to help fund nearly 5,000 K-12 scholarships.

"We are grateful that UnitedHealthcare has partnered with us in providing educational opportunities such as this for Florida's students," said Doug Tuthill, president of Step Up For Students. "UnitedHealthcare's ongoing support has empowered many parents to find the school that best addresses the way their children learn, especially for those who otherwise could not afford to have such a choice. Through our partnership, we are giving these families a second chance and the ability to choose, and that is profound."

"At UnitedHealthcare, we strive to help people live healthier lives by continuously educating and empowering our communities," said David Lewis, president and CEO, UnitedHealthcare Employer & Individual of Florida.

“Through innovative programs such as Step Up For Students, low-income parents are given the option of placing their child in a school that best meets his or her needs. I cannot imagine a better way of supporting our state’s students and their families.”

UnitedHealthcare, a UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) company, serves 2.6 million Florida residents with a health care network of 230 hospitals and more than 28,000 physicians statewide.

For more information about chef Lee and *Food for Thought, Pass a Grille*, visit online at [Foodforthoughtpag.com](http://Foodforthoughtpag.com).



David Lewis, CEO of UnitedHealthcare of Florida, left, joined Step Up For Students President Doug Tuthill, right, and scholarship recipients at Incarnation Catholic School

### **About Step Up For Students**

Step Up For Students is a nonprofit organization that administers the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship for low-income Florida students. The scholarship program was created by the Florida Legislature in 2001 and is funded by corporations that receive dollar-for-dollar tax credit for their contributions. For more information, visit [www.StepUpForStudents.org](http://www.StepUpForStudents.org).

### **About UnitedHealthcare**

UnitedHealthcare is dedicated to helping people nationwide live healthier lives by simplifying the health care experience, meeting consumer health and wellness needs, and sustaining trusted relationships with care providers. The company offers the full spectrum of health benefit programs for individuals, employers and Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, and contracts directly with more than 650,000 physicians and care professionals and 5,000 hospitals nationwide. UnitedHealthcare serves more than 38 million people and is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified Fortune 50 health and well-being company.

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