RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR STAFF

Through UChicago Local, the University of Chicago is committed to advancing economic development in our neighboring communities. By purchasing from unique and diverse businesses throughout the South Side, you contribute to thriving neighborhoods for all of us who live and work here.

The businesses listed here represent University-preferred vendors, enterprises recommended by the Office of Business Diversity, Commercial Real Estate Operations tenants, or UChicago Local program participants.

CATERING

Ascione Bistro, 1500 E. 55th St.
www.ascionebistro.com | 773.363.8161
“Comfortably elevated” menu of classic and reimagined Italian fare.

Aloha Poke, 5221 S. Harper Ct.
www.alohapokeco.com | 872.465.3747
Fresh-packed poke bowls with sushi-grade fish and Hawaiian-inspired raw ingredients.

Amazing Edibles Catering, 2419 W. 14th St.
www.cateramazing.com | 312.563.1600
Full-service catering company offering gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, and Kosher-style options.

Café 53, 1369 E. 53rd St.
www.cafe-53.com | 773.493.1000
Traditional and oven-baked sandwiches, salads, and baked goods.

Catering Out the Box, 2443 W. 16th St.
www.cateringoutthebox.com | 312.226.2601
Full-service catering and complete menu planning services, featuring specialty box lunches.

Cedars, 1206 E. 53rd St.
www.eatacedsars.com | 773.324.6227
Family-run local favorite with “Mideast meets Midwest” inspired menu.

C'est Si Bon! Catering, 643 E. 47th St.
www.cestsiboncatering.com | 773.536.2600
Full-service catering company that can serve from a few to several thousand guests.

Chant, 1509 E. 53rd St.
www.chantchicago.com | 773.324.1999
Creative reinterpretation of contemporary and traditional Pan-Asian menu.

Dollop, 5500 S. University Ave.
www.dollopcoffee.com | 773.643.1966
In-house roasted coffee and bake shop with grab and go items for breakfast, lunch, and snacks.

Evelyn’s Food Love, 5522 S. State St.
www.evelynsfoodlove.com | 872.818.5557
Full-service catering including event planning.

Ja’ Grill Hyde Park, 1510 E. Harper Ct.
www.jagrill.com | 773.752.5375
Authentic Jamaican cuisine; full menu available for catering.

Kimbark Beverage Shoppe, 1214 E. 53rd St.
www.kimbarkbeverage.com | 773.493.3355
Local liquor store with wide selection of beer, wine, and spirits. Open late with delivery.

la petite folie, 1504 E. 55th St.
www.lapetitefolie.com | 773.493.1394
Classically-prepared French food, extensive wine list, and distinctive catering and private dining services.

Medici on 57th, 1327 E. 57th St.
www.medici57.com | 773.667.3994
Famous for pizza and house-baked goods. Includes breakfast, boxed lunches, and hot entrees.
Nando's PERi-PERi, 1447 E. 53rd St.
www.nandosperiperi.com  |  773.675.5261
South African flame-grilled chicken, wraps, burgers, vegetarian options, and catering.

Native Foods, 1518 E. Harper Ct.
www.nativefoods.com  |  773.241.7800
100% plant-based fast casual menu with catering.

Nella Pizza e Pasta, 1125 E. 55th St.
www.nellachicago.com  |  773.643.0603
Authentic Italian, featuring wood-fired pizza, pastas, and Italian sandwiches.

Nicolette Jordan Catering, 3931 S. Leavitt St.
www.njcaters.com  |  312.884.1836
A fun spin on American comfort food, ranging from delicious vegetarian cuisine to savory meat dishes and traditional soul food with flair.

Nile of Hyde Park, 1162 E. 55th St.
www.nilehydepark.com  |  773.373.4320
Full service Middle Eastern Restaurant offering carry-out, delivery, and catering.

Noodles, Etc., 1333 E. 57th St.
www.noodlesetc.com  |  773.684.2801
Pan-Asian and Thai specialties with fresh ingredients with vegetarian and vegan options.

Pizza Capri, 1501 E. 53rd St.
www.pizzacapri.com  |  773.324.7777
Pizza, entrees, and boxed lunches made from scratch.

Rajun Cajun, 1459 E. 53rd St.
www.rajunrestaurant.com  |  773.955.1145
Indian and soul food delicacies.

Rome's Joy Catering, 4455 S. Martin Luther King Dr.
www.romesjoy.com  |  773.373.4320
Full-service catering, including event planning and private dining.

Roti Modern Mediterranean, 1526 E. 53rd St.
www.roti.com  |  773.906.5582
Fast casual Mediterranean restaurant with salads, sandwiches, and catering.

Saigon Sisters, 567 W. Lake St.
www.saignonsisters.com  |  312.496.0090
Vietnamese street food with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.

Saucy Porka, 1164 E. 55th St.
www.saucyporka.com  |  773.417.6013
Blends the bold flavors and savory spices found in Puerto Rico, South East Asia, China, Japan and Korea. Comfort foods from the motherland with a modern twist.

Virtue, 1462 E. 53rd St.
www.virtuerestaurant.com  |  773.947.8831
Nationally recognized Southern American cuisine with dinner, Sunday brunch, and catering.

BAKERS AND SWEETS

Brown Sugar Bakery, 328 E. 75th St.
www.brownsugarbakerychicago.com  |  773.224.6262
Southern-style bakeshop specializing in traditional sweet treats and custom cakes.

Justice of the Pies, online ordering only
www.justiceofthepies.com
Award-winning local baker specializing in sweet and savory pies, quiches and tarts.

Kilwins, 5226 S. Harper Ave.
www.kilwins.com /stores/kilwins-chicago-hyde-park  |  773.675.6731
Old-fashioned confectionery chain selling chocolates, ice cream, handmade sweets and gift baskets.

‘Laine’s Bake Shop, 135 N. Kedzie Ave.
www.lainesbakeshop.com  |  773.432.4308 xt 1
Artisan bakery with a social mission, specializing in creating custom, scratch-made desserts.

FLOWERS, DECORATIONS, AND EVENTS

A’vents by August, 5231 S. Harper Ct.
www.ventsybyaugust.com  |  773.789.7787
Event service company specializing in event management, event design, and custom floral arrangements.

Cornell Florist, 1645 E. 55th St.
www.cornellflorist.com  |  773.643.0603
A farm-to-vase florist, providing unique seasonal and fashion-forward arrangements, while maintaining an uncompromising dedication to both the environment and our surrounding communities.

Joyce’s Events and Party Planning, 5201 S. Cornell Ave.
www.joycesevents.com  |  773.955.1436
Events planning and service.

Southside Blooms, 6439 S. Peoria St.
www.southsideblooms.com  |  773.358.4227
Full-service distributor, manufacturer and retailer of uniforms and promotional items.

Strategic Event Solutions, 4416 S. St. Lawrence Ave.
www.strategiceventssolutions.com  |  773.285.9700
Expert conference management, event planning, and registration facilitation services.

PRINTING, CUSTOM T-SHIRTS, AND APPAREL

ACJ Partners, 11552 S. Bell Ave.
www.acjpartners.com  |  630.745.1335
Commercial printing services.

Magnolia Screen Printing, 2440 W. 63rd St.
www.magnoliасcreenprint.com  |  773.245.6168
Custom apparel and beautifully printed products from a local company that helps create jobs for young people in need of quality employment. Can also provide print-on-site options for guests to choose their own t-shirt, design, and ink color.

Stitch Me, 329 W. 18th St., Suite #308
www.stitchmeapparel.com  |  312.933.2608
Full-service distributor, manufacturer and retailer of uniforms and promotional items.

The UPS Store, 818 E. 63rd St.
Resource for mailbox, shipping, and printing services.