



# UCHICAGO LOCAL

## 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](http://www.ascionebistro.com) | 773.363.8161

*"Comfortably elevated" menu of classic and reimagined Italian fare.*

#### **Aloha Poke, 5221 S. Harper Ct.**

[www.alohapokeco.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cateringoutthebox.com) | 312.226.2601

*Full-service catering and complete menu planning services, featuring specialty box lunches.*

#### **Cedars, 1206 E. 53rd St.**

[www.eatcedars.com](http://www.eatcedars.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](http://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](http://www.chantchicago.com) | 773.324.1999

*Creative reinterpretation of contemporary and traditional Pan-Asian menu.*

#### **Dollop, 5500 S. University Ave.**

[www.dollopcoffee.com](http://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](http://www.evelynsfoodlove.com) | 872.818.5557

*Full-service catering including event planning.*

#### **Ja' Grill Hyde Park, 1510 E. Harper Ct.**

[www.jagrill.com](http://www.jagrill.com) | 773.752.5375

*Authentic Jamaican cuisine; full menu available for catering.*

#### **Kimbark Beverage Shoppe, 1214 E. 53rd St.**

[www.kimbarkbeverage.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.medici57.com) | 773.667.7394

*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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nellachicago.com) | 773.643.0603

*Authentic Italian, featuring wood-fired pizza, pastas, and Italian sandwiches.*

**Nicole Jordan Catering, 3931 S. Leavitt St.**

[www.njcaters.com](http://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](http://www.nilehydepark.com) | 773.324.9499

*Full service Middle Eastern Restaurant offering carry-out, delivery, and catering.*

**Noodles, Etc., 1333 E. 57th St.**

[www.noodlesetc.com](http://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](http://www.pizzacapri.com) | 773.324.7777

*Pizza, entrees, and boxed lunches made from scratch.*

**Rajun Cajun, 1459 E. 53rd St.**

[www.rajunrestaurant.com](http://www.rajunrestaurant.com) | 773.955.1145

*Indian and soul food delicacies.*

**Rome's Joy Catering, 4455 S. Martin Luther King Dr.**

[www.romesjoy.com](http://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](http://www.roti.com) | 773.906.5582

*Fast casual Mediterranean restaurant with salads, sandwiches, and catering.*

**Saigon Sisters, 567 W. Lake St.**

[www.saigonsisters.com](http://www.saigonsisters.com) | 312.496.0090

*Vietnamese street food with vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.*

**Saucy Porka, 1164 E. 55th St.**

[www.saucyporka.com](http://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](http://www.virtuerestaurant.com) | 773.947.8831

*Nationally recognized Southern American cuisine with dinner, Sunday brunch, and catering.*

## BAKERIES AND SWEETS

**Brown Sugar Bakery, 328 E. 75th St.**

[www.brownsugarbakerychicago.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.lainesbakeshop.com) | 773.432.4308 x1

*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.aventabyaugust.com](http://www.aventabyaugust.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](http://www.cornellflorist.com) | 773.324.1651

*Chic boutique florist offering artistic, seasonal flower designs, and arrangements for special events.*

**Hyde Park Florist, 1748 E. 55th St.**

[www.hydeparkfloristchicago.com](http://www.hydeparkfloristchicago.com) | 773.288.2800

*Offers a wide range of flower arrangements and plants as well as an array of gift baskets.*

**Joyce's Events and Party Planning, 5201 S. Cornell Ave.**

[www.joycesevents.com](http://www.joycesevents.com) | 773.955.1436

*Events planning and service.*

**Southside Blooms, 6439 S. Peoria St.**

[www.southsideblooms.com](http://www.southsideblooms.com) | 773.358.4227

*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.*

**Strategic Event Solutions, 4416 S. St. Lawrence Ave.**

[www.strategieventssolutions.com](http://www.strategieventssolutions.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](http://www.acjpartners.com) | 630.745.1335

*Commercial printing services.*

**Magnolia Screen Printing, 2440 W. 63rd St.**

[www.magnoliascreenprint.com](http://www.magnoliascreenprint.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](http://www.stitchmeapparel.com) | 312.933.2608

*Full-service distributor, manufacturer and retailer of uniforms and promotional items.*

**The UPS Store, 818 E. 63rd St.**

<https://locations.theupsstore.com/il/chicago/818-e-63rd-st> | 773.966.7563

*Resource for mailbox, shipping, and printing services.*