



Michelle Lunn HOPE Foundation

SOUP PRIZE 2026 Cook-Off Rules

Saturday, March 14, 2026

St. Jude's Brophy Center, 1120 4 Mile Rd. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Soup Serving of guests begins at 1PM- 2:30PM. Votes & "Chef tips" counted by 3:00, Awards immediately following

1. Contestants must be at the Brophy Center by 12 PM for set up, and ready to serve by 1PM. Ample parking is available. Hall is upstairs. Please use the elevator to bring up soup and your supplies.
2. Soup must be prepared in advance, no mixes. Soup/Chili/ Stews may be made with any recipe.
3. Entry fee (donation) for all participants is \$15. Give to a volunteer cashier and receive a door prize ticket. This gives you a vote, and door prize tickets.
4. Contestants should bring a minimum of 2 crockpots (not small) of soup, keeping in mind that the more you bring, the more people will be able to taste it, and the more potential votes you will receive. *Many chefs ran out last year.
5. A complete list of ingredients must be present when you check in your entry. Please print out ingredients so tasters can see (in case of food allergies). *For "Spicy" Soups please label as such. If your soup is "Vegetarian" please list. Feel free to print recipes for people to take. I do not need
6. Contestants must be willing to eat their own soup. 😊
7. All contestants' soups must be in a crockpot, chaffer, or stockpot to keep soup warm. If you need a portable burner for your pot, please let us know ahead of time so we can have burners and butane canisters available for you. Also, bring your own small ladle, for serving into 2-4 oz. Styrofoam cup. Soup cups, napkins, and spoons will be provided.
- 8. Don't forget your tip jar.** The chef who brings in the most tips wins a "Souper Star Trophy". In the past people have sold treats (some used bags), swag from their business. Ask friends, family or co-workers to sponsor you with a donation to be used for your tip jar. Be creative....have fun.

9. Razzing and having a great time is recommended for our event. Feel free to dress up/decorate your table space with a special theme, or feel free to advertise your business with business cards or flyers.

10. Winners in the following categories will be announced around 3:00 after counting is complete.

First, Second and Third place- People's Choice + Bragging Rights

First, Second, and Third place- Judges Choice + Bragging Rights

Souper Star – Top Tip Receiver- based on amount of donations collected in tip jar. *

Donations (tips) can be collected ahead of time. *Tips raised go towards the foundation's mission. *Here are some ways to collect tips ahead of time:



To collect tips ahead of time: Use this QRcode to collect donations.

*Make sure they list you as the chef its designated to.

OR: **Venmo** to **@MLHOPEORG** (listed under charities tab)- and make sure they include your name to designate to.

Or collect donations via your personal Venmo account and add to tip jar day of event.

If someone donates and needs a tax receipt for donation, or you need one for supplies for soup preparation, please email me and I will send.

11. Invite all your friends and family.

Questions, please contact either **Sue Lunn 616-690-2649**, Nick Volpe 616 446-7825 or Julie Paas- 616 -460-3463

[FLYER](#)- Print and distribute to friends and family.

“Soup Prize” is a fundraiser for the Michelle Lunn HOPE Foundation that raises awareness and funds for local blood cancer patients. 100% of what we raised will stay in West Michigan.

<https://www.mlhope.org/soup-prize>