Pilot Light leverages food education to equip all children to make healthier choices throughout their lives by providing access to quality food through engaging lessons and transformative ideas. There are many ways to help Pilot Light advance our mission. We welcome your support in whatever way(s) are most appealing to you.

Refer a Teacher

Pilot Light is proud to support our teachers with regular professional development and resources. This year, we are introducing a Food Education Fellowship through which a cohort of teachers will receive stipends and monthly professional development while delivering weekly food education lessons, creating new lessons, conducting food advocacy projects, and evaluating the effects of food education on students. Contact Education Director Katie Colvin if you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Fellow. Applications will be available in May.

Donate

Help Pilot Light build a healthier Chicago by teaching kids about food, through food. Your generous donation will ensure that more kids understand the important role food plays in their lives so they can make healthier choices for a lifetime. Make a donation online to support a Pilot Light teacher or classroom or contact Development Director Kathy Argentar for information on donating securities or making a gift through your donor-advised fund.

Join a Committee

Our committees are vital to Pilot Light’s success. We are always looking for new members of our Development, Strategy, and Marketing Advisory Boards, our Young Professionals Board, or the Planning Committee for Feed Your Mind, our annual fundraising gala. Contact Development Director Kathy Argentar about the Development and Feed Your Mind Planning Committees, Culinary Educator Caitlin Arens about the Young Professionals Board and Executive Director Alexandra DeSorbo-Quinn for all other committees.

Get Regular Updates

Pilot Light regularly shares information about our events, classroom cooking experiences, and food advocacy projects on our website and on social media. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@pilotlightchefs) to find out how you can connect with our chefs and supporters at special events and get the most current information on what we’re up to. You can also read our Feeding Minds blog or sign up for our newsletter here.

Attend Feed Your Mind

Feed Your Mind is an incredible event featuring Chicago’s finest chefs delivering unique three-course meals to select tables of 10 guests. This year’s event will take place on November 1, 2019. Visit the event website in July for more information on how to get your seat at the table.