

PILOT LIGHT

How You Can Support Us

Pilot Light leverages food education to support all young people in learning and advocating for informed food choices throughout their lives by bridging the lessons they learn in their classrooms to the food on their lunch trays, at home, and in their communities. There are many ways to support Pilot Light in advancing our mission. We welcome your support in whatever way(s) most appealing to you.

Refer a Teacher

Pilot Light is proud to support teachers with professional development and resources. Each spring, teachers from across the nation in grades PreK-12 can apply to our [Food Education Fellowship](#). Fellows receive stipends and monthly virtual professional development while delivering food education lessons weekly, fostering deep partnerships in their community, leading food advocacy projects, and evaluating the effects of food education on their students. Contact Vice President of Programs [Katie Colvin](#) if you know someone who would be interested in becoming a Fellow.

Additionally, if you know teachers who are interested in integrating food education into their daily instruction in core subjects on a more informal basis, please refer them to our online [Food Education Center](#) where they can search for and download food education lessons and videos (including our newest e-Learning literacy-based curricula - [Pilot Light Anywhere](#)).

Donate

Help Pilot Light build a more inequitable and accessible food future by building on kids' existing food knowledge and skills to advance their engagement in core academic instruction. Your generous donation will ensure that more kids understand the important role food plays in their lives so they can make informed food choices for a lifetime. [Make a donation](#) online to support a Pilot Light teacher or classroom or contact Major Gifts and Events Manager, [MaryBeth Jirgal](#), for information on donating securities or making a 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 our annual Gala. Contact Major Gifts and Events Manager, [MaryBeth Jirgal](#), about the Development and Gala Committees, Partnerships Manager, [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, LinkedIn, 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 on our website.

Attend our Annual Gala

Pilot Light's 2021 Gala will be an exciting, inclusive hybrid event, where guests may either celebrate with us in person or virtually from the comfort of their homes on November 5th, 2021. Pilot Light's founding chefs have invited acclaimed Chicago chefs to prepare a dinner with them at The Arbory. All our guests, whether joining in person or virtually, will come together for our live-streamed program. For [Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities](#), contact [Kathy Argentar](#).

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