

Kitchen raising funds for Cookers for Christmas



MICHELIN starred chef Tom Kitchen has rolled up his whites and ignited Fresh Start's Cookers for Christmas appeal to buy recently homeless people a cooker for their new home.

The top Scottish chef launched the 2012 campaign by promising a donation of £1 from every bill for a month, as Fresh Start becomes one of The Kitchen's Charity of the Month recipients.


Now, he's asking the people of Edinburgh to get behind the appeal and make a donation via the charity's website.

The Cookers for Christmas appeal allows Fresh Start to buy cookers to pass onto Edinburgh families and individuals who have been homeless but recently housed. It gives them the opportunity to make a fresh start by offering them one of the most important tools to help them.

The appeal launched this week when Tom Kitchen made a special trip to the Fresh Start warehouse to unwrap a Christmas Cooker himself.

Tom Kitchen said:- "This campaign is one close to my heart. Scotland boasts some of the best local produce available and eating well can be incredibly affordable. Giving people the tools to allow them to support themselves and their families is vital.

"A kitchen should be at the heart of a home and what better way to help families who have been homeless than giving them the means to cook in a secure and safe environment."

 Fresh Start Managing Director Keith Robertson explained:-
"The people who receive the appliances have just been

allocated a property are starting out with nothing and don't have the means to buy such an expensive item. Clearly, the most economical way to eat well is to cook at home. So by providing them with a cooker we will be taking an important first step in helping them financially and physically."

To find out more, or donate to this year's Cookers for Christmas appeal, visit the Fresh Start website at www.freshstartweb.org.uk

The Cookers for Christmas appeal will also be going 'social' this year through the charity's social media sites. So if you're on Facebook or Twitter, please share or retweet the appeal. For Twitter, the hashtag is #cookerforchristmas

Find out more on the [website](#).

And here is a video of Tom Kitchen explaining more:-