



EDWARD 'ED' EVANS

Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion & Multi-Outlet General Manager for Live! Casino & Hotel

EDWARD 'ED' EVANS is the Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion and a Multi-Outlet General Manager for Live! Casino & Hotel. Ed is a Baltimore native and 20-year culinary veteran with a passion for giving back to the community.

Ed is the first to hold the title of Chairman of Diversity and Inclusion at Live! Casino & Hotel. In this role, he develops company-wide diversity and inclusion programs aimed at expanding opportunities for Team Members of all backgrounds at every level within the organization. As a diversity-focused leader, Ed works with the company's recruiting team to develop talent pipelines, track diversity metrics and collaborate on training and development programs.

He also oversees multiples outlets at Live! with a focus on expanding food & beverage offerings. He played a pivotal role in opening the company's flagship luxury Live! Hotel in Maryland and continues to be instrumental in helping to build the corporate development teams on expansion projects in Pennsylvania.

He is a 2021 recipient of Md. Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA)'s Black History Heroes Awards that recognizes 10 Maryland/DC business and civic leaders for their positive impact, contributions and accomplishments in the community.

Ed's philosophy stems from his West Baltimore upbringing where he became inspired by the culinary arts at a young age. He is a proponent of Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry campaign and developed Hungry Hands as a way to inspire children to develop a love for cooking. Ed is also a part of The Y in Central Maryland's Anne Arundel County Community Leadership Board, where he works alongside other Anne Arundel County leaders to help enrich the lives of others through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

In the summer of 2019, Ed was a finalist on Food Network's *Chopped*, a reality-based cooking television series, where he shared with the judges that he dreamed to use the grand prize money to give kids in underserved communities an opportunity to experience different global cultures through food. Although he didn't win the competition, Live! Casino & Hotel donated the \$10,000 to The Y in Central Maryland and hosted an "Around the World on a Plate" event for 115 local campers and culinary students from Forest Park Community School, The Y of Druid Hill and New Horizons Camp for Homeless Youth in Baltimore City, and The Y of Anne Arundel County. Ed and his team of international chefs prepared a culinary adventure featuring dishes from Jamaica, Mexico, Japan, China, Italy and France.

Ed is a graduate of Baltimore International College. He has also been featured throughout the DC-Maryland-Virginia region on local morning news in addition to BET and other cable shows. He resides in Anne Arundel County with his wife and three children.

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