



# Geronimo Lopez

Executive Chef  
Chief Operations Jedi  
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Executive Chef Geronimo Lopez, born and raised in Pacoima, CA, comes from a Mexican heritage with his parents migrating to the US in the 1970s. After deciding to pursue his passion professionally, he enrolled in the renowned Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts Program in Pasadena, CA, in 2005. Chef Geronimo's culinary journey led him to serve high-profile Hollywood clients on film sets and at private events before ultimately joining Hope The Mission (HTM). During his 7.5 years at Hope The Mission, Chef Geronimo played a crucial role in the exponential growth of the organization's food services department in both Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

Under the visionary leadership of Executive Chef Geronimo, the department experienced remarkable growth, evolving from serving 100 meals a day with volunteers to preparing over 5,000 meals per day across 18 different sites with a dedicated team of 27 employees. This expansion led to the production of an astounding 1.7 million meals annually. His collaboration with the program development department extended assistance to families in need by distributing thousands of pounds of food donations throughout Los Angeles County. Chef Geronimo's skills in meal planning, food production, sourcing, special menu creation, and catering for galas, staff meetings, and private events were all vital to the success of Hope The Mission's food services. Additionally, he played a significant role in fundraising events like "Mi Casa," a concert with over 3000 attendees, and sourced all food and beverages for The Drumstick Dash, a 5K and 10K Thanksgiving Day charity run.

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