

Dumpling for a Cause

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When I first heard about the **Chef One** Dumpling Festival back in August, I made sure that a **volunteer** slot would be saved for me. And, even though this outdoor event fell on a **rainy day**, I was really glad I had.

Not only did I get to shake hands with **Dumpling Man**; witness **City Comptroller candidate John Liu** and **TMI CEO Terry Tang** find out who could eat a dumpling fastest; and meet our tweeps **The DCC (@thedcc)** and **Big Will the Champ (@bigwillthechamp)** at the **Chef One Dumpling Eating Contest** – but I really enjoyed getting to meet the team at **TMI**.

An Asian-food company that produces Chef One and three other brands, TMI has been a dedicated Food Bank partner, donating more than 150,000 lbs. of food over the past two years. But what I was most impressed by was their staff's enthusiasm for our cause. Whenever announcements were being made and throughout the eating contest, TMI representatives continually spoke about how important it was to them to involve the Food Bank and promote the fight to end hunger. Even while helping a TMI staff person clean up one of the festival's booths, when I mentioned I work at the Food Bank, she immediately replied, "Oh! This event is for you!"

And TMI's support just keeps coming – right now, when you buy their **Tang's Natural** **Tang's Natural** products at **Whole Foods**, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Food Bank. So, get down to Whole Foods, look for the "Tang's Natural **Goes Orange**" stickers and help support the Food Bank and this great, socially aware company – and enjoy the dumplings!



Dumpling Man!

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 our volunteer
 photographer, *Tran
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 while live *tweeting*
 from the festival**