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**SPECIAL EDITION OF LA PICCOLA CUCINA AT FOUR SEASONS  
HOTEL FEATURES “LE CHIACCHIERE”**

**WHAT:** Boost your child’s interest into Italian culinary arts, traditions and language with the Special Edition of *La Piccola Cucina*, Cultural Culinary Experience for Children, this February at the Four Seasons Hotel of Houston. *La Piccola Cucina* is a program dedicated to children aged 5 to 12 years old, aimed at teaching the Italian language, the metric system, and the basics of nutrition, as well as promoting the many Italian regional culinary traditions.

This successful program is designed and directed by Tiziana Triolo, Program Director of the *Italian Cultural and Community Center of Houston* and has received the attention of both National and International media. Last December RAI Italia, the Italian leading broadcaster, dedicated a television segment about *La Piccola Cucina* and the ICCC programs. “The children are the future of the Center and overall of the Italian and Italian American community” explains Tiziana Triolo, “and this is why the ICCC has invested in this program and it is always at the forefront in promoting and creating new activities for children”. “Through this program”, continues Tiziana Triolo, “children learn about cooking but also meet additional didactic and pedagogic objectives”. “The kids always have a great time at the ICCC and share their experience with their American friends” add Laura Schiffino, mother of Giulia, one of the children enrolled in *La Piccola Cucina* since the beginning. In order to continuously innovate, the ICCC often offers special sessions of *La Piccola Cucina* with long-term partners in Houston and soon in Austin at *Carmelo’s Ristorante Italiano!* These special editions are the perfect occasion for children to learn how to prepare authentic Italian recipes under the guidance of Executive Chefs together with Tiziana Triolo and learn more about Italian language and traditions.

This February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Special Edition of *La Piccola Cucina* with Executive Chef Maurizio Ferrarese of Quattro Restaurant will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel. The young chefs will learn how to prepare Italian sweets traditionally made for Carnival: “*le chiacchiere*” – “*angel wings*”.

The Italian Cultural & Community Center is a 501c3 whose mission is to preserve, celebrate and advance Italian culture and heritage. To learn more about Italian Cultural & Community Center’s multiple programs and offerings visit our website: <http://www.iccchouston.com/>.

**WHO:** Italian Cultural & Community Center

**WHEN:** **Saturday, February 22, 2014**  
**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Four Seasons Hotel of Houston  
1300 Lamar  
Houston, TX 77010

**PRICE:** \$30 for ICCC Members, \$50 for Non-Members.  
Price includes: Apron, chef’s hat, cooking tools, ingredients, recipes and curiosities about the dish.

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