



Minnesota-based Auntie M's Gluten Free Becomes First Food Truck Certified Gluten-Free by Gluten Intolerance Group

AUBURN, Wash. (May 16, 2018)—The [Gluten Intolerance Group \(GIG\)](#), the industry leader in the certification of gluten-free products and food services, has certified food truck [Auntie M's Gluten Free](#) through its [Gluten-Free Food Services \(GFFS\)](#) Certification Program. As the first food truck to achieve GFFS certification, Auntie M's serves Midwestern fair favorites like corn dogs, funnel cakes, funnel cake sandwiches, cheese curds and onion rings—all of which are now certified gluten-free. Owner Brian O'Konek, who has celiac disease, was inspired to start the food truck when visiting the Minnesota State Fair and realizing how few gluten-free options were available.

“Even though we were dedicated to serving gluten-free foods, we had customers who remained uncomfortable. That’s when we realized it was extremely important to go the extra step to be certified,” O’Konek said. “It is so great to see our customers able to eat the foods that they enjoy. It is a real delight to see gluten-free children eating these fun foods for the first time.”

Consumer demand for gluten-free dining options continues to grow, from restaurants to college campus dining halls to home meal kits. Gluten-free consumers often fear dining out because they have no control over food preparation. GFFS certification provides consumers with the assurance that a food establishment understands the requirements related to gluten-free food preparation and have established procedures that will keep them safe.

About the Gluten Intolerance Group (GIG)

The Gluten Intolerance Group (GIG) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association funded by private donations, fundraising, sponsorship opportunities and industry programs. It relies on tax-deductible contributions to support its many innovative industry, service, social and awareness programs. GIG has been a highly respected leader in the gluten-free community since it was founded in 1974. In addition to more than 70 local branches across the United States, GIG has increased its presence internationally to over 29 countries. GIG empowers the gluten-free community through consumer support, advocacy and education.

The [Gluten-Free Certification Organization \(GFCO\)](#), a program of GIG, is a leader in the verification of quality, integrity and purity of gluten-free products. The [Gluten-Free Food Service \(GFFS\)](#) Certification Program is a proven model of established best practices for food service facilities offering gluten-free options. GIG is committed to ongoing food safety research to assure customers and consumers the highest level of excellence in its gluten-free programs and services. For information, visit www.gluten.org.

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