



# Our Story

## **Here's to the Cook! – Leave the Cooking to Us. Take the Credit for Yourself.**

For nearly ten years, Barbara Giannetti and Sandra Hartman have teamed to create exquisitely crafted, all-natural specialty foods. Their reputation for producing exceptional cuisine began when they founded Biscotti di Barbara in 1994 as a way to market biscotti handmade from a recipe passed down through four generations of Barbara's family. The twice-baked Italian cookies quickly became a hit in small coffeehouses around Chicago, a featured item of upscale specialty food boutiques along Chicago's North Shore, and a well-recognized staple of the farmers and French markets across the Chicago-area.

Over time, Barbara and Sandra expanded their scope to include specialty foods sprung from family traditions, as well as their own innovative culinary explorations. Regardless of the source of their inspiration, the pair has always held true to a simple – yet increasingly rare – decree: to create the best foods from only the freshest, all-natural ingredients. The result has always been a specialty product of exceedingly high quality and exceptional taste which is so natural that consumers can convincingly serve it as homemade.

Today, Barbara and Sandra offer a broad line of over 25 all-natural sauces, toppings, marinades and soups under the name Here's to the Cook! Their continued focus on selling direct to consumers has allowed Barbara and Sandra to invest in the products they create, rather than marketing and big grocery overhead. This fresh approach ensures the purest specialty products on the market. Though still a mainstay of Chicago's farmers and French markets, items in the Here's to the Cook! line can also be purchased directly from the company's website ([www.HeresToTheCook.com](http://www.HeresToTheCook.com)) or any of its sales representatives in Illinois, Michigan and Florida.

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