



1940

Eli's first restaurant, the Ogdon Huddle.



Eli's the Place for steak opened in 1966. This is where Eli created his famous cheesecake recipe.



1980

Eli debuted his cheesecake at the first Taste of Chicago in 1980, now the country's largest food festival.



When Jay Leno filmed in Chicago he visited our bakery and smashed his face into a cheesecake!



In 1997, Eli's was named Intermediate Wholesale Bakery of the Year by Bakery Production and Marketing Magazine



Eli's prepared a special cake for Wheel of Fortune.



Stacy and Clinton of The Learning Channel's hit TV show *What Not to Wear* filmed at our bakery.

2009



Eli's 500-lb. cheesecake at President Obama's Inaugural Commander in Chief's Ball.



Kelsey Grammer, our celebrity cake cutter at Taste of Chicago 2012



2013

Mayor Emanuel and the City of Chicago's 176th Birthday Cake

Eli's the Place for Steak boasted a celebrity clientele including Sammy Davis Jr. and Frank Sinatra.



Eli's son Marc became president of The Eli's Cheesecake Company



Eli's prepared both of president Clinton's inaugural cheesecakes. Shown below was the 1996 Inauguration with special guest Aretha Franklin.



In 1996 we opened our current 62,000 square foot bakery on Chicago's northwest side.



1996

Eli's prepared a champagne cheesecake for Chicago's Official Millennium celebration. It was cut by Mayor Richard M. Daley and Mrs. Daley.



We baked a 2,500 pound cheesecake for our 25th birthday, cut by rock band Chicago, Ted Allen, and Mayor Daley.



2005

In 2005, Eli's celebrated the White Sox World Series Victory with a 500 pound cheesecake, cut by Mayor Daley, Jerry Reinsdorf, Ozzie Guillen and Marc Schulman.



President Obama with Abraham Lincoln's Official 200th Birthday Cake, Springfield, IL.



Taste of Chicago 2010 with the Band From TV. Eli's continues to bake celebratory cakes for each Taste of Chicago.



Celebration cake for President Obama's Inaugural Staff Ball, 2013

