

# Best New Chef Dan Kluger's Charity Sandwich

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How much do we love the 2012 class of [Best New Chefs](#)? These up-and-comers excel in their own kitchens and give back to the community. Take ABC Kitchen's [Dan Kluger](#) of New York. Kluger recently collaborated with his rock-star boss [Jean-Georges Vongerichten](#) to create a limited edition sandwich for Cambodian lunch joint Num Pang's "Guest Chefs Give Back" series. Back in February, [Mario Batali](#) launched the program with his sausage-and-cheese-filled "[Batali Pang](#)." For the summer round, the [Num Pang](#) crew looked to Dan Kluger for bright, fresh flavors. Kluger's "ABC Pang" marries Num Pang's Southeast Asian influence (cilantro, addictive spicy mayo) with ABC's veggie-forward sensibility (as well as JGV's chile obsession).

Here's a snapshot: lemongrass poached chicken salad with Thai basil, jalapeños, cucumber and candied ginger piled onto a semolina baguette, and topped with crispy chicken skin (!) and spicy cashew butter. Num Pang will donate \$6 from each sandwich to be shared between two charities—[The Edible Schoolyard Project](#), which promotes garden and kitchen-based learning in New York public schools, and [Double H Ranch](#), which provides summer camp in the Adirondacks for kids with life-threatening illnesses. The ABC Pang will be available at the chainlet's midtown and East Village locations from June 12 through July 12, for \$9.25—so basically, order them for your whole office. You'll be the new hero of the day and can always try to deduct deliciousness from your taxes.

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