



## *Spice up your holiday meals with something new!*

### **Spicy Pumpkin Soup**

The toppings for this delicious soup are fun to add when you have guests, but if you prefer to dine simply, just top the soup with chopped fresh chives. Serves six.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh thyme
- 3 cups steamed and pureed pumpkin or acorn squash, or canned pumpkin puree
- 2 cups chicken broth, preferably homemade
- 1 dried chipotle chile, or 2 New Mexican chiles
- Salt
- 1/4 cup finely ground toasted almonds
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup cream

#### **Toppings:**

- 1/4 cup snipped chives
- 6 strips of bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled
- 1 tablespoon pure red chile powder
- 1 cup sour cream thinned with 2 tablespoons milk