



PLANTING POSSIBILITY: Harvesting Hope

Dear Friend,

As we gear up once again for our much-anticipated **35th annual Harvest Festival fundraiser on Friday, October 25th**, aimed at raising crucial funds for child welfare and children and families in need, we are reaching out to you with a heartfelt invitation to join us as a valued sponsor. Your support makes a significant impact in the lives of countless children in need and ensures the success of an event that attracts both existing and new supporters to join together in supporting LCFS' mission.

We are hosting the event for the second year in a row at **Hinsdale Golf Club**. Last year, our soldout crowd of 200 people had the chance to hear from our clients to more deeply understand their impact. Their generosity meant we raised nearly as much at the event as we raised in advance through generous supporters like you, who "planted the possibility" that in turn "harvested hope."

Last year, LCFS served **2,146 children** in foster care... children like young siblings CJ, Andy and Faith who went to live with their grandmother in relative foster care when their mother entered substance abuse treatment. Funding raised through the Harvest Festival was used to purchase groceries, a dresser and a car seat to help their grandmother transition to full-time caregiver. Your sponsorship means children like these and their families feel cared about, supported and can stay together.

In return for your generosity, you receive opportunities to promote your business as detailed in the enclosed sponsorship flyer. We can't wait to hear from you and also hope you'll also consider joining us for this meaningful, festive and fun evening! Please learn more at www.LCFS.org/harvestfestival.

With warm regards,

The 2024 Harvest Festival Committee,

Nancy Ansoerge
Lisa Barrett
Barbara Benington
Angela Crews
Anne Deis
Marian Fick

Dianne Frantzis (Honorary)
Debra Gordon
Susie Jones
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Amy Phillips
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And LCFS Staff: Mandy Widtfeldt, Cheryl Wendt, Melissa Gonzalez



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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2024 marks the 35th annual Harvest Festival. As the sole fundraising event for LCFS, the Harvest Festival is an important way to engage with our long-time supporters and attract new supporters who want to make a difference for children and families in need. Sponsors are the key to a successful event and we'd love to shine a spotlight on your organization for supporting child welfare!

Your business will get exposure to **2,000** Chicago area, socially conscious supporters who receive our emails and mailings about the Harvest Festival as well as our nearly **3,000** social media followers.

Last year, the Harvest Festival raised more than \$260,000! This year, our goal is to attract 200 attendees, continue to support our work to provide foster care services to more than **2,000** children across Illinois and increase our family support services in communities to prevent the need for foster care.



“When children are removed from their parents, the citizens of Illinois become their legal guardians. Foster children are truly the responsibility of every one of us.”

—LCFS President and CEO
Mike Bertrand

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MEANS

As one of the largest private child welfare providers in Illinois, LCFS protects children, strengthens families and builds futures for those who have experienced trauma. We are proud to be one of the leading providers serving teenagers in foster care in the state and to be a leader in dismantling racism in the foster care system.

In **2023**, our supporters helped:

- Our **300+** essential direct care staff ensure **2,146** children were cared for in foster families
- Find **196** children their forever families through adoption
- **441** foster children find a permanent home with **286** able to return to their birth families
- Strengthen **256** at-risk families through preventative services
- Provide counseling services to **405** children and birth families involved in foster care or preventative programs
- **44** youth receive emergency shelter services at Southern Thirty Adolescent Center

Please consider a sponsorship this year to ensure we can do even more good for children and families in what continues to be challenging times!



PARTNER WITH LCFS

Check out these exciting opportunities your sponsorship offers. In addition, we welcome the opportunity to discuss how we could partner with your business throughout the year. Are you looking for an opportunity for your employees to band together in a volunteer effort? We would love to discuss possibilities including sponsoring a donor e-news blast, putting a coupon in our communication to foster families and more!

BENEFITS	PRESENTING \$15,000	DIAMOND \$10,000	PLATINUM \$5,000	GOLD \$2,500	SILVER \$1,000	BRONZE \$500	FRIEND \$250
Inclusion in social media post thanking sponsors	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Logo on event slide thanking sponsors at each level	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Listing in post event E-blast to LCFS supporters	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Logo in our event E-blasts to more than 2,000 supporters	X	X	X	X	X		
Verbal recognition from the podium during event	X	X	X	X	X		
Optional coupon or giveaway in a goody bag for ticket purchasers	X	X	X	X	X		
Logo linked to your web page on mobile bidding site	X	X	X	X			
Company logo on Harvest Festival web page	X	X	X	X			
Ad or a mention in an article in Building Hope, LCFS e-newsletter	X	X	X	X			
30-second video during event and posted on LCFS Facebook page	X	X	X				
Opportunity to have a table or do a One-minute demo/presentation at event	X	X					
Logo included on event invite	X	X					
Branding included on signage at event	X	X					
Complimentary tickets to event	10	6	2				
VIP Experience	X						

Questions? Contact Mandy Widtfeldt at 630-470-3853 or mandy_widtfeldt@lcfs.org



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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please return this form by Friday, September 27, 2024 to LCFS Events, One Oakbrook Terrace, Suite 501, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Our Tax ID # is 36-2167778. Sponsorships, reservations and donations can also be made online. Visit www.lcfs.org/HarvestFestival for details.

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- Presenting Sponsor **\$15,000** Diamond Sponsor **\$10,000** Platinum Sponsor **\$5,000**
 Gold Sponsor **\$2,500** Silver Sponsor **\$1,000** Bronze Sponsor **\$500** Friend Sponsor **\$250**

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

- My business would like all the sponsorship benefits.
 My business wants some of the sponsorship benefits, contact me at _____ to discuss.
 My business would like none of the sponsorship benefits, we wish to remain anonymous.

What is the website address and Facebook page you would like us to link to when possible?

Please email your business logo to mandy_widtfeldt@lcfs.org.

PURCHASE TICKETS

Presenting, Diamond and Platinum sponsors receive some complimentary tickets (see benefits chart).

- _____ guests. See LCFS.org/harvestfestival for 2024 ticket prices.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Name _____ Contact Person _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

PAYMENT

- Check enclosed Invoice Credit Card Check if a corporate card

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ 3-digit CVV _____ Amount _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

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