



Dear Friend of LCFS,

We invite you to be part of the 36th Annual LCFS Harvest Festival on **Friday, October 24th, 2025** where we will celebrate generosity and raise vital funds for children and families in need. This year's event will have a new twist—a Western-themed celebration—and we would be honored to call you “pardner.” Your sponsorship helps raise funds that have very real impact. Consider two recent examples:

- The Carpenters and their two foster children fled their home when an electrical fire quickly blazed up the living room wall. They left with only the clothes on their backs. They returned to the heavy scent of charred wood and wreckage from which they could only pull one unbroken plate. They wondered how they would possibly get through the next few weeks. Funds raised at the Harvest Festival were used to stock a new apartment with clothes, food, and essentials.
- Oscar dreaded lunch period. He had moved to a new foster home and a new school. Other sixth graders made fun of his peanut butter sandwiches cut into bite-size pieces. Oscar's teeth didn't line up right, making chewing and even saying some words hard. Funds raised covered the oral surgery that Medicaid wouldn't. Now lunch is his favorite subject.

With your help, we can answer the prayers of more children and families.

This year, the event moves to **Butterfield Country Club** in Oak Brook and we expect a crowd of about 200 guests. As a sponsor, you will not only make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families, but you will also receive valuable opportunities to promote your business and demonstrate your commitment to social responsibility. We've enclosed a sponsorship flyer with details.

We also hope you will consider attending this festive, fun, and meaningful event. To learn more, submit your sponsorship online or purchase tickets, please visit [www.lcfs.org/harvestfestival](http://www.lcfs.org/harvestfestival).

With sincere appreciation,

**The 2025 Harvest Festival Committee:** *Nancy Ansorge, Barbara Benington, Angela Crews, Anne Deis, Ladan Hayes, Marian Fick, Melissa Gonzalez, Susie Jones, Beth Kos, Mandy Lesko, Samantha Lucki, Kris Mahon, Amy Phillips, Mary Ryan, Krista Talley, Carolyn Weinzalbaum, Cheryl Wendt, Mandy Widtfeldt*



# WILD WEST HARVEST FEST



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2025 marks Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois' 36th annual Harvest Fest. This year, we're saddling up to give the event a new twist, and with your help, we'll blaze a trail to an unforgettable night! Will you partner with us on this wild ride and be a champion for change?

Your business will get exposure to **2,000** Chicago area, socially conscious supporters who receive our emails and mailings about the Harvest Fest as well as our over **4,000** social media followers.

Last year, the Harvest Festival raised more than \$235,000! This year, we expect 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 **2024**, our supporters helped:

- Our **300+** direct care staff ensure **1,940** children were cared for in foster families
- Find **74** children their forever families through adoption
- **441** foster children find a permanent home with **241** returning to their birth families
- Provide counseling services to **449** youth and families in one of our programs
- Strengthen **243** at-risk families through preventative services
- **46** 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 challenging times!



# “PARTNER” WITH LCFS

Check out these exciting opportunities your sponsorship offers.

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 email to LCFS supporters	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Logo in our event email to more than 2,000 supporters	X	X	X	X	X		
Verbal recognition from the podium during event	X	X	X	X	X		
Company logo on Harvest Fest web page	X	X	X	X			
Ad or a mention in an article in Building Hope, LCFS e-newsletter	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](mailto:mandy_widtfeldt@lcfs.org)



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# SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please return this form by Friday, September 19, 2025 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](http://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](mailto:mandy_widtfeldt@lcfs.org).

## PURCHASE TICKETS

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ guests. See [LCFS.org/harvestfestival](http://LCFS.org/harvestfestival) for 2025 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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