Dear Local Business Owners and Managers,

The 2016 Recipe for Hope Breakfast raised a quarter of Issaquah Food and Clothing Banks (IFCB) annual budget! Sponsors like you play a pivotal role in raising the resources needed to help families that are struggling to get their basic needs met in our community.

I know you care about solving food insecurity in our community. I’m reaching out to you on behalf of the IFCB to invite you to become a sponsor at the 5th annual ***Recipe for Hope Breakfast*** on September 26, 2017.

The IFCB serves between 400-500 households each week, or 1000 – 1200 individuals, and provides 8-10 supplementary meals per person. 50% of the people served are children and seniors. And in 2016 IFCB distributed over 50,000 bags of groceries. Many clients have experienced a problem that snowballs into other problems – sudden illness or injury, job loss, abuse or neglect, loss of housing, loss of transportation, or lack of affordable day care. The thing that IFCB clients have in common is that they never expected to need the sort of help they find at the food bank.

The IFCB also provides clothing, toiletries, household goods, referrals to a network of supporting agencies, and special programs such as Groceries to Go, Holiday Gift Barn, Summer Lunch/Lunch for the Break Programs that address food insecurity when students do not have access to the school district’s free/reduced lunch program, care kits for the Issaquah Police Department and Power Packs for weekend feeding.

The food bank runs on a small staff and an army of volunteers, of which I am one. I have seen the good work that is done on a daily basis and I am always impressed by the dedication of everyone involved. In an affluent community such as ours, it is easy to glance the other way and not see the need. The Recipe for Hope breakfast on September 26th not only aims to raise funds, but to increase community awareness.

If you are interested in finding out more about the IFCB, I invite you to take a tour with Cori Walters, Executive Director, at a time that is convenient for you. To set up a tour, respond to this email or contact Cori at [cori@issaquahfoodbank.org](mailto:cori@issaquahfoodbank.org) or at 425-392-4123 ext. 12.

The attachment to this email outlines partnership opportunities and benefits for the ***Recipe for Hope Breakfast*** – September 26th, 2017 from 7-8:30am at Eastridge Church.

I plan to follow up with phone call answer any questions and see if the Recipe for Hope might be a good fit for your 2017 charitable giving intentions. Thank you for your support.

Diane Wenzel, Volunteer

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