



Kishwaukee United Way

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### Taste of the Vine ~ Donation Request

Dear Valued Business Owner:

**How can you support people in need, promote your business and support a local charitable cause?** Sign on to support our signature event. Kishwaukee United Way's Annual **Taste of the Vine and Silent Auction** has become a wonderful tradition in the DeKalb/Sycamore community. We are proud to host this evening of entertainment featuring a gift basket silent auction, raffle and wine tasting. This event benefits 24 nonprofit agencies in the DeKalb/Sycamore area. This year's event will take place **November 10, 2016** from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm and will be held at St. Mary's Memorial Hall at 322 Waterman Street in Sycamore, Illinois.

We are asking you to consider **a donation** from your organization to help make our event a successful one. Some examples of donations from last year include tickets to sporting events and plays, gift certificates, sports memorabilia, a tequila tasting basket and a wine-tasting event.

Your donation is tax-deductible because we are a 501(c)(3) organization (FEIN #36-6158489). Additionally, should you choose to support our event in this manner, your organization will be listed as a contributor on our collateral materials, including the program that all attendees receive. (Last year, over 200 individuals attended this event!) When donating, please fill out the enclosed form to communicate the in-kind value of your contribution so we may credit your donation accordingly and provide a receipt for your tax-deductible gift. All donations should be delivered to Kishwaukee United Way, PO Box 311, DeKalb, IL 60115 **prior to Friday, November 1, 2016.**

We feel that it is important to note that an average of 94% of all funds raised by the Kishwaukee United Way are invested in our community through allocations to vital human service agencies. In other words, only 6% of funds raised are used for operating costs, which is an exceptional accomplishment. Shelter is provided, meals are served, youth in crisis assisted and children are cared for and ready to learn -- all because you choose to help. Contributions like yours keep event costs minimal, and allow us to host an event that continues to give long after our evening ends. Thank you so much for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact Dawn Littlefield, Executive Director of Kishwaukee United Way, at 815-756-7522 if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

*Dawn M. Littlefield*

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Enclosure