

10th Annual Harvest Gala

Celebrating 56 years of creating Moments that Matter.

November 23, 2024

Dear Friends of The Leadership Center,

We invite you to join us for our 10th annual Harvest Gala on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024 at The Leadership Center. Celebrating 56 years of *creating moments that matter* with delicious food, distinguished friends, and of course, great music.

Every year we welcome tens of thousands of guests into the walls of The Leadership Center. Whether we are hosting birthday parties, weddings, family reunions, conferences, or community meetings - our building serves as a home for *creating moments that matter*.

TLC's favorite stats from moments that matter:

- Hosted 1,000+ FFA Officers during COLT in May
- Facilitated 1,193 students in our own leadership trainings and summer camps.
- Provided and served nearly 3,000 free meals to youth in three communities.

Our work here is not done, from January through August, we served 33,000+ guests and will have over 50,000 guests pass through our doors by the end of the year. A record-breaking amount of guests in the past four years. The founders of The Leadership Center risked their mortgages to serve their original goal guests, and we continue that legacy and improve upon it. We now also serve those guest's families, communities, and connections from across the world. We know they would be delighted to see this vision expand and come to life, way greater than they ever imagined.

Here are just a few other highlights from this year:

- Our community **coffee shop** hosts weekly clubs, educational workshops and house concerts.
- D4LC brought back its **Junior High programming** in both a mobile workshop and summer camp.
- We partnered with Opportune Acres to host numerous sports teams for team retreats.
- Our first 15-year-old hires, Spencer and Kim have graduated. They set the bar high for the **20 new hires aged between 15-17** we added to the team this year.

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We are incredibly proud of our history, excited to see where The Leadership Center will go next, and most importantly, inviting you to take part in it.

As in the past years, we carry forward our fundraising efforts during a beautiful evening of great music, delectable food, and a lively auction. This year's efforts will go toward the following three areas with a fundraising goal of \$50,000.

1. Property Repairs

a. Over the past two summers, our property has experienced numerous damaging storms. Because of changes in property insurance, many of these damages were not covered (glass, HVAC, and roofing specifically). It is important for our guests, that our property is visually appealing, yet functionally sound. John does not like to play hide-and-seek with the roof leaks as much as he does with our staff during team bonding.

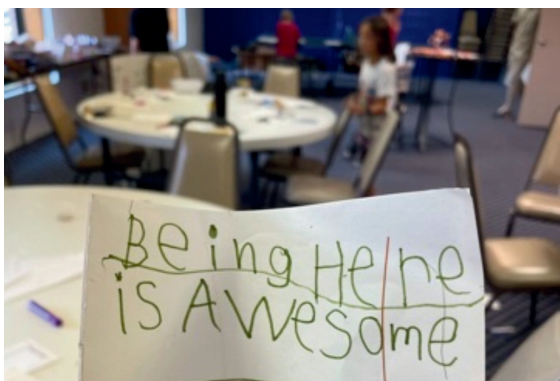
2. Rehabilitating the Original Tree Line

a. Our tree line was lovingly planted by teachers and students, but the trees have served their time and TLC needs some "TLC" in this department with over 20 full-grown trees lost in the past year. Not only is it a city requirement, but it's also safer for our guests.

3. Summer Food Service Program

a. Our goal is to privately fund the Summer Food Service Program next year to ensure its sustainability and to expand our flexibility. This year, Aurora did not qualify for a regular program, only allowing us to play games and serve anyone 1 day/week which was 100% funded by The Leadership Center and a few small donations. By privately funding the program, we can better serve more kids, for years to come.

By taking care of the necessary costs of business, we can continue to do more of what we are great at: creating moments that matter, or in the words of one of our summer campers from a note we found, keeping our space "awesome" and serving the community healthy food.



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We invite you to be an integral piece of our continued work in our community, state and nation. Your contribution makes a lasting difference for many. Whether they participate in one of our numerous educational programs, attend a retreat, camp, or workshop, or hold a meeting or reunion with us, we provide safe, welcoming spaces, delicious meals, and professional staff so that they can *create moments that matter*.

With the purchase of tickets, monetary donations, and auction items, your gifts are not only tax-deductible; you become a part of our legacy! Your support allows us to continue to provide programs and spaces to Aurora, the state of Nebraska, and beyond!

Please join us for this celebratory evening. Tickets and sponsorships to this event can be purchased by returning the RSVP card in this invite, calling our office at 402 694 3934 or by visiting our website at www.TLCaurora.org/HarvestGala.

If attending isn't possible, please consider donating an auction item, purchasing raffle tickets, or making a financial contribution as they can be a great way to promote your business services, products, or creative talents while supporting The Leadership Center. Also, please note that we are offering a "takeout" meal option on our RSVP card as well, which can be picked up at 6:30 p.m. the evening of Harvest Gala. Sponsorships can be found on our website or handled by calling Maile at 402 694 3934.

Thank you in advance for helping us continue our mission of creating moments that matter for years to come.

In deepest gratitude,



Maile Ilac-Boeder
Executive Director



Kurt VanDeWalle
NVAF Board President

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Entertainment Sponsor - \$3,000

The *Entertainment Sponsor* is the official sponsor of Dustin Dale Gaspard and his band. This sponsor will have their logo printed in the event program, listed on the website and all event media, and displayed on our stage as seen to the right. If sponsor is determined by 8/31/2024 this sponsor will also be featured on our formal event invitations. In addition, the sponsor will receive a table with **8 reserved seats**, complimentary meals, and wine.



Cocktail Entertainment Sponsor - \$800

Nebraska is home to a number of talented young individuals and we would like to share their talents. This year we are adding live entertainment during the cocktail hour. **This sponsor will support a student** individual, duo, or group to join in the evening festivities as entertainment and receive mentorship from our headliner, Dustin.

Bar Sponsor (2 available) - \$1,500

Bar sponsors will be highlighted in our event program and displayed above the bar like the sign showcased above. In addition, their logo will be linked on our website for the remainder of the year.

Tap Truck Sponsor - \$1,200

Last year Dot, Nebraska's 2nd Tap Truck, was a hit and we'd love to invite her back! The *Tap Truck Sponsor* will be able to:

- Display their logo on Dot, the event program, and the website
- Receive \$250 off a tap truck rental from Pat On Tap, Nebraska's first fleet of tap trucks (www.patontap.com)
- Add \$400 for your logo to be placed on our limited edition cocktail glasses



Aurora National Honor Society Sponsor - \$1,000

This sponsorship supports the meals of the Aurora NHS. Sponsors will receive two tickets to the Harvest Gala and their logo in the event program.

Golden Harvest Table - \$750

Includes 8 tickets, a table, your title on the table and complimentary wine and beer. Please call or note each of your guests names, meal preferences, and dietary needs.



Individual Ticket - \$100

Tickets to the Harvest Gala include your meal, your drinks, and of course, your fun! Please call or note each of your guests name(s), meal preference(s), and any dietary needs. Take-out meal option available.

Kid Zone Ticket - \$15

Bring your kids! They will have equally as much fun in our Kids Zone, staffed by the Aurora National Honor Society and TLC! They will get food, crafts, and of course have plenty of fun!

All official sponsorships and financial donations received by November 14 are guaranteed to be featured in our program.

Return this form to The Leadership Center, 2211 Q St, Aurora, NE by November 14, 2024

Find additional forms at www.tlcaurora.org/harvestgala

Donor Name (as you would like it to appear in the advertising)

I would like to remain anonymous: yes no

Contact Information

Business/Organization/Donor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Other Sponsorship Information

We would like to sponsor the following:

Entertainment Sponsor | \$3,000 ***

**** denotes 8 tickets included*

Bar Sponsor | \$1500

***denotes 2 tickets included*

Tap Truck "Dot" Sponsor | \$1200

Aurora National Honor Society | \$1000 **

Cocktail Youth Entertainment Sponsor | \$800

Golden Harvest Table | \$750 ***

Auction Items

Item description: _____

Item Value: \$ _____

Contact Name, Number and email for pickup: _____

OR Item will be dropped of at The Leadership Center

Guest Information

the main course will include steak and scallops

Guest 1: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Guest 2: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Guest 3: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Guest 4: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Guest 5: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Guest 6: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Guest 7: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Guest 8: _____

vegetarian meal

to-go meal

Kid Ticket Quantity: _____ Kid Name(s): _____