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Re: CHARITABLE INQUIRY

Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to request [REDACTED] sponsorship of our upcoming Annual Awards Benefit on October 14. I am also seeking to establish a relationship with your company in expectation of a building campaign in 2017.

About A Just Harvest:

We are:

- A **Rogers Park** non-profit that runs the oldest independently-funded (no state funding) Community Kitchen in Chicago
- **1.5 million** meals served at the hands of **170,000+** volunteer shifts since 1983
- **9,210** consecutive nights being open (except one night - the 2011 blizzard - when our pipes froze. We were on-site the next morning handing out sack lunches)
- Our work is made possible by **40 – 60** regular church, synagogue, and other faith/community organizations. These groups host nightly dinners and bring ingredients to feed an average of 170 people a night.

In addition to our Community Kitchen, we are a budding advocacy and community and economic development organization working with:

- **Returning Citizens:** Working to reduce recidivism by ensuring GED opportunities for all future Returning Citizens as well as limiting solitary confinement to a maximum of 5 days in any 150-day period. We facilitate job opportunities to Returning Citizens through World Business Chicago's 1000 Jobs Initiative and The SAFER Foundation.
- **At-risk and gang-affiliated youth and young adults:** We provide employment in our Community Garden and other community projects. We are collaborators with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program. In addition to employment, we facilitate counseling and other services to help youth and young adults to be full contributing members of society.

Our Annual Awards Benefit is the time of year we gather with partners to celebrate gains and look ahead. It's a time of festivity – music, dance, awards – but also a sober look at the challenges ahead in serving the marginalized in our neighborhood, city and state.

Please find enclosed our event and magazine sponsorship details along with our 2015 and 2016 Annual Magazines.

I look forward to your response,

Thank you and kind regards,

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