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Grateful Plate Gala brings community leaders together to solve hunger

Vincent Lyles, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, to make special appeal

Milwaukee, Wis. – (April 26, 2018) – More than 400 business and community leaders will gather **Wednesday, May 23** at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts for the 12th Annual Grateful Plate Gala to help solve summer hunger for children in our community.

Tami Garrison, MillerCoors, and **Ann Maher**, Husch Blackwell, will serve as co-chairs for the event, which will also honor the **Rotary Club of Milwaukee**. The organization founded Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin 35 years ago. **Vincent Lyles**, President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, will deliver the annual appeal. **Mark Shapiro**, Jewish Community Center, will serve as auctioneer.

WHO: About 400 business and community leaders
Vincent Lyles, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee – Guest Speaker
Tami Garrison, MillerCoors, and Ann Maher, Husch Blackwell – Event Co-Chairs
Melinda Davenport, WISN12 – Emcee

WHEN: Wednesday, May 23
5 p.m. Networking and Silent Auction
6:30 p.m. Dinner, Live Auction, Program

WHAT: 12th Anniversary Grateful Plate Gala – An Evening to Solve Hunger

WHERE: Marcus Center for the Performing Arts

WHY: Child hunger in Wisconsin spikes during the summer months as 4 out of every 5 children eligible for school meal programs lose access to that vital nutrition when school is not in session.

The theme of this year's gala is "Rooted in Our Community," and will celebrate Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin's local roots and 35-year history of solving hunger in Milwaukee and across eastern Wisconsin.

Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is the leading hunger relief organization in the state with locations in Milwaukee and the Fox Valley. Founded in 1982 by the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin is a local and independent member of the Feeding America network. Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin collaborates with 600+ members, including food pantries, meal programs and shelters to provide more than 20 million meals annually to nearly 400,000 people across 36 counties in eastern Wisconsin. Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin also supports programs that improve food security for people facing hunger and works collaboratively with community partners to solve hunger. Together we can solve hunger.