A 501 (C) (3) Not-For-Profit Employment Education and Training Agency 2nd Annual Future Innovative Leaders of Lake County Gala

Dear Lake County Business & Community Resident:

Employee Connections is a not-for profit employment education/training agency providing employment education training programs and services that prepare and connect low income and disadvantaged youth and adults with job opportunities. We provide programs such as Essential Employability Work-based training, GED Tutoring, Basic Computer and Life Skills training to help connect and reconnect to their educational and career goals as well. For sixteen years our agency has provided these programs and services to over 3,000 youth within Lake County, IL.

We are excited to announce our upcoming fundraising event, "Future Innovative Leaders of Lake County", scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Encore Events in Wadsworth, IL. Our Gala will feature the innovative talents of our Lake County youth with highlight recognition of our program sponsors, supporters, employer partners and awards presentations. I would like to personally invite you to attend our Gala and help support our youth and the program and services we offer to help them obtain their education and career goals.

To ensure the success of Future Innovative Leaders of Lake County, we are seeking donations of items that we can auction or raffle off during the event. Your contribution, whether it's a product, service, experience, or unique item, can make a substantial difference in helping us reach our fundraising goals.

By donating items to our event, you're not only supporting Employee Connections, NFP but also directly contributing to the betterment of our community. The funds raised will be instrumental in helping us further our mission by providing work-based learning experiences, paid internships, apprenticeships and scholarships to help our youth obtain their educational and career goals.

Your generosity will be acknowledged during the event, showcasing your dedication to making a positive impact in our community. Additionally, your donation may qualify for tax benefits as Employee Connections is a registered 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization. Our tax identification number is 94-3436433.

If you're able to donate items or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at 847-360-7177 or our Event Coordinator, Stephanie Nance at stephannie@myemployeeconnections.com. We would be delighted to discuss how you can contribute and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for considering this request and for your ongoing support of Employee Connections, NFP. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve and create a brighter future for our community.

With gratitude,

Cynthia R. Harris Executive Director

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