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Dear Vendor:

After a two-year hiatus, the Gourmet Gala is returning and will be well worth the wait! Showcasing Louisiana's most treasured assets—great food and great music—this premier event is also sure to tap dance on your heartstrings! Broadway, Inc. will present the **2011 Gourmet Gala, Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (exclusive Patron Party), 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (general admission)** to support foster and homeless youth in our community.

Once again the event will return to the grounds of K-Bar-B Youth Home. We invite you to participate in this incredible event joining other wonderful dining establishments, artisan catering companies, and specialty vendors, visit with your neighbors, listen to great music, and much more while supporting two wonderful causes!

Broadway, Inc. is the governing body of both K-Bar-B Youth Home and HOYST (Homeless Outreach for Youth in St. Tammany). K-Bar-B Youth Home has operated as a residential facility for Louisiana's most abused foster children since 1973. Over this past year, Broadway, Inc. and many community leaders have also collaborated to address the need in St. Tammany Parish for a comprehensive program for homeless youth. As a result, HOYST originated with the mission to decrease homelessness among youth in our community by providing shelter and transitional housing as well as supportive services that will lead to self-sufficiency and stable living conditions. The Gourmet Gala will provide critical funding for these two important programs.

In addition to delicious food and spirits, the Gourmet Gala will also feature live music, silent and Chinese auctions, and a fireworks display. Consistent with our music theme, we are encouraging vendors to relate their dishes/beverages to music (i.e., favorite musician dishes, dishes named with musical references, table decorations, etc.). Enclosed is our Participation Agreement which provides additional details about the Gourmet Gala. Please also visit our website at [www.kbarb.com](http://www.kbarb.com) and click the Gourmet Gala tab to download the Participation Agreement, become a sponsor, learn more about our programs, and/or provide us with your email address for updates on the event and programs. If you are unable to participate this year but would like to be a Patron and/or donate a silent auction item, please let us know.

To help vendors this year, we are utilizing more volunteers to assist with serving. This will save vendors time and expenses associated with their participation. Please indicate in your Participation Agreement if you would like to use volunteers at your booth. All providers will receive significant marketing and publicity as well as two V.I.P. tickets for early admission to the event. If providing servers, then there will be four spots available for them to sign in at the event. Another exciting addition this year is that we will showcase a local celebrity chef to provide a live cooking demonstration for our Patrons during the first hour of the event. If you are a chef and would like to showcase your skills, please let me know immediately.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported the Gourmet Gala in the past. If this is your first time as a vendor, this is positively an event you will never forget! Your support makes all the difference!

With gratitude,

*Jennifer Dexter*

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