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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Food Bank Benefits from Successful Dinner & Auction

On the evening of **Friday, September 29, 2017**, Interfaith Food Bank hosted the **11th Annual Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner & Silent Auction**. Held annually at the Italian Canadian Cultural Centre, this evening is always filled with good food and entertainment for a great cause. All proceeds for the evening benefit the Interfaith Food Bank and the thousands of people who need our help throughout the year, nearly half of whom are children.

Guests enjoyed a fantastic prime rib dinner catered by Adam Essex, head chef of the Italian Canadian Cultural Centre, and participated in a silent auction throughout the night, bidding on a range of items donated from local businesses and individuals in support of Interfaith Food Bank. The hall was beautifully decorated in fall colors by Karen Essex of Create Decorations and Events. Raffle tickets were purchased for a chance to win a Wall Mount Fireplace donated by 4 Seasons Home Comfort, and 50/50 tickets were also available for sale. Over \$36,000 was raised in support of Interfaith Food Bank.

Interfaith would like to extend a sincere thank you to Lyal Sakamoto and the team at Wesbridge Construction, Deluxe Granite, Cornerstone Funeral Home and 4 Seasons Home Comfort for sponsoring the evening, which featured Brent Brooks (Brooksie) of Country 95.5 as MC; live classical guitar music by Dale Ketcheson during dinner; and local country sensation Trevor Panczak and his band, who provided the entertainment following the silent auction. Special acknowledgement should also be provided to Mac Nichol and Bert Konynenbelt, who put in countless hours in recruiting the items for the silent auction. An informative video about food bank programs and services was assembled by Dory Rossiter of CTV Lethbridge, and the entire event was a beneficiary of the Scotiabank Brighter Futures Program, which matched volunteer hours contributed by Scotiabank employees up to \$5000!

The food bank has been serving 700 – 750 households monthly, assisting 1700 – 1900 individuals in Lethbridge and area as local citizens continue to struggle to put enough food on the table. Representatives continue to rely upon the generosity of the community to meet the increasing demand, and look forward to the upcoming “Season of Giving” (Thanksgiving through Christmas), when most people tend to think about the need to care for others in need.

For more information about Interfaith Food Bank, please contact our office at 403-320-8779 or visit us online at interfaithfoodbank.ca

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