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Dear Potential Sponsor,

The Farmer's Table Dinner, a program of the Litchfield-based nonprofit Partners for Sustainable Healthy Communities, Inc. (PSHC), is now in its ninth year. This highly popular, invitation-only event brings together 175 like-minded advocates of local farms and healthy, locally sourced products. Litchfield County farmers and residents sit down together at a delicious farm-to-table harvest dinner in conversation important to our farming community.

This year we are honored to hold The Farmer's Table on the evening of August 3 at Arethusa Farm in Litchfield on the 300th anniversary of the town.

The food for the event is purchased from local farmers. From hors d'oeuvres to dessert, local chefs volunteer their time to create a five-star menu for a stellar evening.

This event differs from other local farm-to-table dinners in that all proceeds go to supporting Litchfield County farming. Over the past eight years, proceeds from this event have been used to make possible:

- The annual purchase of \$500 CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) shares from our farmers, which we donate to nonprofits that feed the underserved. To date, we have bought produce from 25 local farmers or about 10% of Litchfield County farms
- The bi-annual Farmer's Forum, a free all-day professional agro-education program that more than 100 Litchfield County farmers attend based on topics they request
- Three bi-annual dinner/workshops during which over 50 farmers have given us input on what they need to help them be more sustainable
- · Farm internships for high school and college students interested in careers in agriculture
- Startup grants for the Northwest Connecticut Regional Food Hub to aggregate produce
- All-expense stipends for farmers to attend professional agricultural conferences on farming in New England

This package includes information on the different levels of sponsorship, a sample 2018 sponsorship card which would be placed at every seat, a list of 2018 participating farmers and the menu based on their products.

Please help support the growth of our Litchfield County farming community. We look forward to representing your business at this event, and hope to see you there!

Warm regards,
The Farmer's Table Committee