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SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION SEEKS SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER GALA

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – Each year the South Suburban College Foundation (SSCF) has an annual spring gala from which all proceeds benefit scholarship programs. The SSCF is now seeking support from local residents, friends and partners for Showcase 2017: Change a Life–Change a Community, celebrating SSC's 90-year legacy. This year's event will be held on April 7, 2017, at Odyssey Country Club. The gala begins at 6:30 p.m. and features an open bar and premier buffet dinner, silent auction, dancing, and the outstanding music of Rhonda High Browne & Pieces.

With the cost of higher education on the rise and the level of state funding on the decline, students are finding it more and more difficult to afford a full-time college education. The SSC Foundation's support is often critical for students to begin or continue their college education. Individuals and local businesses can support this mission while marketing themselves to approximately 300 guests through tax-deductible sponsorships and auction gifts. Tickets are also available for \$125 each.

Donations for this cause are fully tax deductible. Registrations and sponsorships can be made online from www.ssc.edu/foundation. The Foundation Staff will pick up donations for auction. For more information, please call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2463 or email foundation@ssc.edu.

The SSC Foundation is a philanthropic, not-for-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors composed of 27 of the south suburban area's finest business, civic and community leaders. The SSCF has now awarded over \$1.8 million in scholarships since 1989. In 2016, over \$100,000 in scholarship funds were awarded to SSC students.

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