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Dear Community Supporter,

ESTHER is an interfaith, nonprofit organization that develops leaders, engages people, and builds collective power in the Fox Valley to address systemic economic and social injustices and work for more equitable communities that embrace diversity. We draw together people of faith, individuals facing the issues we are working to change, and supportive community partners to build a better community for everyone in the Fox Cities.

We are asking you to consider supporting our work by donating a sponsorship ad in our 2021-2022 yearbook! The yearbook is our annual report to the community and the program book for our 18th Annual Banquet on November 7. It describes our work and our values, and it showcases the valued community sponsors and partners who share our vision for a more equitable community. (You can review the 2020-2021 yearbook online at esther-foxvalley.org/yearbook2021.)

Our banquet theme this year is “**Bridging our Differences**,” and our keynote speaker will be former Milwaukee police officer Pardeep Kaleka. His father was killed in the mass shooting at the Sikh Temple in Oakfield, Wisconsin, in August of 2012. In the wake of this attack, Kaleka has become a powerful voice against hate. He and his friend, former white supremacist Arno Michaelis, formed Serve2Unite so that, in Kaleka’s words, “children of all ethnicities, from the inner city to the suburbs, are coming together to cherish each other as human beings and to assume the identity of peacemakers in their schools and communities.” His book, *The Gift of Our Wounds* (co-written with Michaelis), will be available for purchase at the Banquet. His message of forgiveness and *Charhdi Kala* (a Sikh principle meaning “we move in relentless optimism”) could not be more crucial for today.

The ESTHER printed yearbook will be distributed at the Banquet, made available in ESTHER faith communities, and shared with community members and business leaders throughout the coming year. The digital version will be available on the ESTHER website for viewing or download. Your sponsorship is both an investment in the work of ESTHER and an opportunity to feature your business in the community.

We are asking for your support of ESTHER’s work and vision of people joining together to lift up the common good. By donating a sponsorship to ESTHER, you are joining other voices and efforts to build a just and equitable community in the greater Fox Cities. We look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

Gary Crevier
ESTHER President