



Andy Schor, Mayor



Greetings,

We are excited to inform you that Mayors Andy Schor and Mark Meadows will be hosting the **13th Annual Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner – "Fed Up with Hunger" on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**, at the Lansing Center in downtown Lansing.

The mission of the Ramadan Unity Dinner is to raise money for the **Greater Lansing Food Bank**, to bring awareness to the plight of those who go hungry, and to promote a better understanding of how we can instill hope and help feed those in our community who experience hunger. For the past twelve years, this event has embraced all community members — regardless of faith — so they can unite and work together toward a common goal.

This event also provides an opportunity to celebrate diversity and embrace our Muslim friends and neighbors. The Muslim holy month of Ramadan is a time of deep spiritual reflection and prayer. It is a time where all Muslims feel the pains of the hungry by abstaining from food and drink from dawn until sunset. This pillar of Islam allows Muslims to become closer to God by becoming more grateful for all the blessings they've been given. Furthermore, this heightened appreciation for all of our blessings manifests itself through increased acts of charity during Ramadan.

As a vital partner in enriching our community, we hope that you will consider sponsoring this event at one of four sponsorship levels (see sponsorship form with levels and deadline). Since its inception, the Mayors' Ramadan Unity Dinner has grown to reach an audience of more than 400 people annually and has contributed over \$90,000 to our local food bank. An exciting evening is being planned with great authentic Middle Eastern cuisine and an informative program. The celebration will be funded primarily through sponsorships and ticket sales at a moderate cost (\$15 per student, \$25 per individual, \$80 per family of four). Sponsors will be recognized for their commitment to diversity and the fight against hunger. All proceeds of the event will be directed to the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

If you have any questions, please contact event coordinators Leslie McCarrick at (517) 483-4145 or leslie.mccarrick@lansingmi.gov, or Emily Gordon at (517) 319-6869 or egordon@cityofeastlansing.com.

The deadline to submit your sponsorship or advertisement request is **June 1, 2019**. Sponsors, those interested in purchasing tickets, or those interested in purchasing an advertisement in our program booklet may **make checks payable to the City of Lansing and mail with sponsorship/ticket or advertisement request form to: Ramadan Unity Dinner, Office of Mayor Andy Schor, 9th Floor City Hall, 124 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933-1694**.

We look forward to your support and to you joining us on Wednesday, June 12th. Thank you for your consideration and partnering with us to make it happen in Metro Lansing!

Sincerely,

Andy Schor
Mayor of Lansing

Mark Meadows
Mayor of East Lansing