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Dear ACFSA Members and Correctional Professionals:

As you most likely know, the 40th Celebration of the International ACFSA Conference is scheduled in Grand Rapids on August 16-19 at the Amway Grand Plaza. It has been years since we have been chosen as the host state for the International Conference, so we are focused on showcasing the best of Michigan. For some that means the tourism attractions; we will be providing that opportunity during our "Sunday on the Beach" time. We will also be hosting our "Golf Day" on Sunday afternoon. This should be a great start to our time together.

Monday through Thursday, we will focus on "Continuing 40 Years of Leadership" into the next 40...the conference will feature industry experts sharing knowledge on topics such as "Disaster Planning", "Legalities and Religious Diets", "Halal and Kosher Diets", "Integrity in Corrections" and much, much more.

Purchasing opportunities will be presented at the Annual Vendor's Show, Tuesday morning. We will be offering a "Regional Chef Challenge" Cook-Off at the GRCC Culinary Arts Center combining the skills of each region with the offerings of a mystery basket of items being judged by area chefs. Tour day will include options to visit the Kent County Jail and/or experience the GFS Warehouse in Grand Rapids.

We would like to meet on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Country Inn & Suites, 6511 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917 (517.827.7000) to establish committee leaders and ensure we are putting together the conference you all need and want to enhance your leadership skills. Please call me at 989-831-7597 to confirm your attendance. If you are not available to come, or are not from MI and would like to be part of the conference team, please e-mail me at dallen@canteenservices.com and I will find a spot for you. The next 40 years of leadership begins now with you. Please join in making this the most successful conference ever.

ACFSA will furnish snacks, beverages and lunch for all attendees. This is a casual meeting, so feel free to wear jeans and come dressed for comfort and fun.

Together, we will make this the most memorable conference in years! We need your support and commitment to showcase the best of MI! Thank you in advance for participating and donating your valuable time and skills. As co-chairs, Gatha and Cindy need and welcome everyone who will play a part in the success of this valuable conference.

See you on the 28th.

Sincerely,

Dawn Allen