

March 21, 2023

Name of Business Address City, Zip, State

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ (name of business owner or contact),

I would like to invite you to participate in the Rainier Junior Rugby teams twelfth annual Dinner and Auction. This year's event will be on Saturday April 29th.

We are appealing for assistance from individuals, businesses, organizations and companies to support us in ensuring our primary fundraising event is successful. Obtaining products, services or dining and retail gift cards for our guests to purchase and utilize is the primary method of supporting us.

The Highlanders are a rugby club (a not-for-profit organization) for girls and boy's grades 1-12 based in South King and Pierce County. We provide kids an opportunity to play one of the country's fastest growing sports with approximately 160 kids enrolled annually in our program.

The club is in its twelth season, and over the seasons, we have had hundreds of different young people participate and play for one of our teams. The club has very strong links to its local community and to the area high schools, and our coaches are alumni players from colleges, local, and international teams. There are, however, many expenses connected with running the club and we rely solely on annual dues, our own fundraising events and the support of local businesses. In youth rugby there are NO tryouts and NO cuts, and we give all players an equal opportunity, regardless of their ability to pay dues.

Rugby has made a positive impact in the lives of numerous players on our team, and it's our hope to continue spreading the opportunity to the youth in our area. Even after graduating there are more opportunities to play into adulthood. This year alone we have around a dozen former players who will be playing college rugby throughout the country.

Any item donated by you, your employer, or both can as our Club has a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) classification be used as a tax deduction. Upon request, we can provide receipts that can be used for tax deductions. For any questions regarding providing or soliciting a donation please contact Andy Ramsay 253 330-6816 or <u>a.s.ramsay@comcast.net</u>. If you choose to make a donation please complete our Donation Overview & Description Form and include this with your donation to the address provided.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important event - together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Rainier Junior Rugby – Go Highlanders!