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As a leader in our community, you no doubt understand the pressing needs for the unsheltered neighbors in our community. For 2019, and our tenth Annual Fundraising competition, the Queen City Beard and Moustache Federation is committed to raising awareness and donating funds to Gathering Friends for the Homeless.

Gathering Friends is a community of friends with a common heart for supporting our homeless neighbors like family while developing lifelong friendships. They serve Springfield, MO by focusing on the needs of the growing homeless and food insecure population. This is done by organizing the energy of volunteers to gather items such as meal ingredients, completed meal components, and supplies for distribution to our homeless neighbors. The core of this program includes regular pick-ups from local farmers and stores in the community. Additionally they have many groups (businesses, churches, teams) that will take a complete meal for them or prepare and freeze main dishes. They also take financial contributions and convert them into the efficient purchase of items needed.

They serve nearly 150 people at every meal, nearly every day, with huge and tasty main courses, sides, salads, fruit and dessert. Beyond passing out food and supplies daily, Gathering Friends members are building relationships and support systems, letting someone know they matter.

I'm writing to ask you to donate to sponsor the 2019 Queen City Beard and Moustache Competition to help and support our unsheltered neighbors.

If you would like to sit down and have a discussion about donating time, money, or services, you can contact me directly at 417-827-5157 or queencitybeards@gmail.com. QCBMF has raised more than \$85,000 dollars for local charities in the last nine years, is a federally recognized 501 (C)(3) and is committed to continuing excellence within our community. This year's Queen City Beard and Moustache Federation Competition will take place on May 4, 2019 at the University Plaza Hotel.

I hope to hear from you soon, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

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