

## THANK YOU FOR **YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT**



Greetings IFEA Family,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, this is a note full of thanks and gratitude for an amazing year serving as your IFEA Foundation Board Chair! Let me start with a sincere thank you to all who participated in the 66th Annual IFEA Convention, Expo & Retreat, presented by Clover. The hospitality in McAllen, Texas was top-notch, and I loved spending time with all of you again! The educational sessions at the convention this year were truly outstanding and I hope everyone that attended left the event feeling energized with new creative ideas to take home to your organization.

I also want to give a personal THANK YOU to all who joined us at the Dia de Los Muertos Gala Foundation Night Celebration! We had a beautiful evening at the McAllen Performing Arts Center celebrating our industry & remembering those who have gone before us. Thank you to all who donated auction items, bid on auction items, bid on Ultimate Experiences, bought 50/50 tickets (wasn't that fun!) and gave in honor or in memory of a loved one. I am so proud to say, together, we raised more than \$50,000, far exceeding our goals!! These important funds will be used to provide educational opportunities for future IFEA leaders.

If you missed out on the convention, you can still be a part of our group effort to support

the IFEA and the continued education of its members. When considering your end-of-year giving, please reflect on a donation to the IFEA. For me personally, I have met some of my best friends and most trusted colleagues through events and gatherings of the IFEA, which I am sure is true for many of you too! Please consider paying it forward by supporting educational opportunities for our organization's future that will help provide this same experience for future leaders.

Finally, as we close out 2023, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the IFEA Foundation Chair. To all the IFEA Staff & my fellow board members—you have made my time as Foundation Chair so enjoyable and rewarding. I am so proud of how we worked as a team this year to achieve our goals! I can assure you we are in good hands moving forward as we now get to welcome Kat Paye, CFE as the 2024 Foundation Board Chair. I am confident she will continue to move the Foundation into a period of growth and sustainability. Congrats, Kat – and best of luck!

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