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## **Major Fundraising Event Aims to Fight Food Insecurity in East King County**

The annual Recipe for Hope fundraising event will return in person for the first time since 2019 on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at Eastridge Church in Issaquah. This major event provides crucial support for the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank (IFCB), and this year's theme – Roads to Resilience – highlights the pressing need to remove barriers to healthy food, vital resources, and connections to essential services.

Attendees can choose to attend breakfast or lunch, with both including a keynote address from Robin Hamm, Vice President of Social Impact for MOD Pizza, and featuring moving and inspiring stories that illustrate the impact of being able to recover from setbacks, adapt well to change, and keep going in the face of adversity.

"Sometimes we're the ones giving and helping, and sometimes we're the ones receiving help," said Rachel Victorin, a recipient of IFCB resources. "We are so thankful to have people and organizations like the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank to help us be resilient during the tougher times."

IFCB held two virtual Recipe for Hope events in 2020 and 2021, but the community need in our 110-square-mile service area has only multiplied in the face of rising prices and growing food insecurity.

"We've seen a 50% increase in the number of people accessing our resources while we've been contending with inflation and supply shortages at the same time," said Laura Skelton, Interim Executive Director of IFCB. "Community support is vital to ensuring we can continue to meet the growing need."

Join our premier sponsors HomeStreet Bank, Symetra, Kritsonis & Lindor, MOD Pizza, and Christian Manley Orthodontics in support of this vital effort. For more information, to register, and to donate, visit [bit.ly/recipe-for-hope-2022](https://bit.ly/recipe-for-hope-2022).

If you're unable to join us, please consider donating to help us reach our \$250,000 fundraising goal. 100% of proceeds will go toward providing free resources to those in need.

### **About the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank**

The Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank seeks to create a connected, supportive community where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. Founded in 1971, IFCB strives every day to unite our community in nourishing and nurturing individuals by removing barriers to healthy food, vital resources, and connections to essential services. We are committed to providing quality food and basic necessities to anyone in need in our 110-square-mile service area, including Issaquah, Sammamish, Newcastle, and East Renton. For more information about IFCB and how to get involved, visit [issaquahfoodbank.org](https://issaquahfoodbank.org).

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