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Dear Friends,

Your donation can make the 2018 Spelling Bee the biggest success ever!!

Again this year, a generous local resident has offer a \$5000 match with the stipulation that at least 50% of last year's donors make a contribution again this year! After that goal is met, all other donations are a 2 to 1 match. There are several ways that you can contribute.

Here's how:

- **Recruit a team.** Talk it up among family, friends and coworkers. The entry fee is \$300.
- **Sponsor a team.** Representatives of many area non-profits would be glad to stand in for you or your business. You'll receive sponsorship credit in our promotional materials.
- **Become a top sponsor of the event** with a contribution of \$1,000 or more. This earns you community recognition through the placement of your company logo on our posters and in the program, plus a mention in all publicity we send out.
- **Make a donation.** Investing in literacy is a great way to invest in your community.

Of course, you are invited **to attend the event** to show your support for literacy. **The Bee starts at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 in the Geneva High School auditorium.**

All of the money raised at "The Bee" supports **services for Ontario and Yates counties' adults** who need literacy tutoring, help with English, or assistance preparing for the high school equivalency test. We're accepting teams through Feb. 1 and will make it worth your while to register early. The first **THREE** teams to sign-up (with payment) will be able to "pass" on a word of their choice during the competition. **Bee-lieve** us, this comes in quite handy! Call (585) 396-1686 or complete the attached registration form and return it to us!

Thank you for supporting our efforts to create a stronger, more literate community!

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