**March 1, 2025**

**Re: Madera County Farm Bureau Scholarship Fundraiser**

**What:** Margaritas (and Lunch) at the Mahils’
**When:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
**Where:** Mahil Residence

8808 Road 30

Madera, CA 93637

Dear Valued Supporter,

The Madera County Farm Bureau (MCFB) is excited to host our **Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Event** on **Sunday, May 4, 2025**! After last year’s success, we are thrilled to return to the **Mahil Residence** for another fantastic afternoon of food, fun, and fundraising at **Margaritas at the Mahils’**.

This fundraiser is a key part of MCFB’s mission to **preserve, protect, and enhance agriculture** in Madera County and beyond. The future of family farming is at risk—by 2030, nearly **68% of California’s family farming operations** may be dissolved, liquidated, or sold for non-agricultural purposes. A major contributor to this trend is declining **agricultural education enrollment** at the collegiate level. Our scholarship program aims to **reverse this pattern** by encouraging and supporting young agriculturalists in their pursuit of higher education.

Since the program’s inception, we have awarded **over 250 scholarships totaling more than $753,000** to local high school students pursuing careers in agriculture, agribusiness, and related fields. This success is made possible by the **continued generosity of supporters like you**.

Your contribution is **tax-deductible** as a charitable donation\* and will directly impact the future of agriculture in our community.

Please find the attached **Intent to Sponsor and Ticket Form** for your review. We deeply appreciate any support you can provide toward this important cause.

The favor of a reply by **Thursday, March 21, 2025**, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the future of agriculture. We look forward to seeing you on May 4th!

Sincerely,

**Laura Gutile**
President