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Nassy Saidian  
General Manager  
Hyatt Regency Rochester  
125 East Main Street  
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Dear Nassy:

The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI)-Goodwill Annual Celebration took place at the Hyatt Regency Rochester on Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank you for hosting a wonderful event and recognize your staff who could not have done a better job taking care of us.

ABVI-Goodwill has been holding this event for nearly a decade, and this year's event at the Hyatt was by far our best one. We received compliments on the food, the layout, and the location – and we take our hat off to the Hyatt for making the difference.

Some of the comments we received from event volunteers:

*"The Hyatt staff was fabulous. They helped us with every little thing, even breakdown at the end of the event!"*

*"There was a server dedicated to making sure the volunteers had everything they need. That was great."*

*"The Hyatt staff was very accessible. If we needed anything, they were right there and able to help."*

We can't thank you enough for helping us throw a great party. The Annual Celebration is our only major fundraising event of the year, and it could not have gone more smoothly, thanks to you.

Please accept our deepest gratitude.

Sincerely,

Alison Martinez  
Development Manager

cc: Julie Bumgarner, Katherine Kellogg



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