

Dear Board Members,

As we prepare for Accola's first Impact Breakfast, I want to begin with gratitude—for your leadership, your long-standing commitment, and the relationships you hold on behalf of this community. This gathering is not simply an event. It is **a moment to respond—together—to the needs of our time.**

Those needs are clear. Immigrants face increasing uncertainty. Women healing from violence and displacement need safety, stability, and dignity. Many neighbors are searching for meaning, belonging, and ways to align their values with courageous action. Accola exists precisely for moments like this—to meet the needs of the time with compassion, courage, and connection.

The Impact Breakfast will bring neighbors together to reflect on what becomes possible when generosity is sustained and commitment is shared. Through story and conversation, guests will experience how Accola's integrated work in education, housing, and spirituality creates real pathways to safety, opportunity, and justice—and how long-term relationships make that work possible.

Your role in this moment matters deeply. **A personal invitation from you is an act of leadership.** It signals trust, shared values, and an opening for others to step more fully into this work. We encourage you to invite friends, colleagues, faith and community partners, and longtime supporters who may be ready to engage more deeply. This breakfast is intentionally welcoming—grounded in relationship, not transaction.

In the coming weeks, we'll share simple tools to support your outreach. Most importantly, we invite you to extend the invitation in your own voice—sharing why Accola matters to you and why you believe this work is needed now.

Thank you for helping widen the circle of compassion and courage that sustains Accola. We are grateful to walk alongside you in this moment—and in the bold work ahead.

With appreciation,

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Director of Advancement

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Email 1:

Dear XXX,

As you know, I've served on Accola's Board for XX years, and I'd love to invite you to Accola's first Impact Breakfast. Accola was born from the legacy and charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and their enduring call to boldly meet the needs of the time. In that spirit, I'm inviting you to learn more about this work that is so close to my heart.

At a moment when many of our neighbors—especially women and immigrants—are facing deep uncertainty, this gathering will reflect how Accola continues the Sisters' mission through education, safe and dignified housing, and spirituality grounded in justice. Together, we will share stories and reflect on how compassion, courage, and collective generosity create real pathways to dignity, safety, and opportunity—right here in our community.

I would love to have you with us as we gather in shared purpose, hope and action. I truly hope you'll join me.

With gratitude,

Email 2:

Dear XXX,

As you know, I've served on Accola's Board for XX years, and I'd love to invite you to Accola's first Impact Breakfast. At a time when many of our neighbors – especially women and immigrants - are facing deep uncertainty, you'll learn how Accola's programs in education, housing, and spirituality are creating real pathways to safety, opportunity, and justice—right here in our community.

We'll gather to reflect on how compassion, courage, and collective generosity can meet the needs of our time, helping ensure dignity, safety, and opportunity for women, immigrants, and our wider community. Together, we can make a difference! I hope you'll join me.