Dear Friend of CAGJ,

Thank you for joining us as a Table CaptainatCAGJ’s16th annual SLEE! Gala on **July 16th, 2022**. We so appreciate your dedication and support!

**This year, we will hold SLEE in the afternoon, as an outdoor garden party, 3-6pm.** We chose to host SLEE outdoors during the summer due to Covid, and the need to prioritize the safety of our guests and public health.

As a Table Captain for SLEE!, you are an important part of our work to build the local movement for food justice and food sovereignty! Learn more about what CAGJ is up to online at [www.cagj.org](http://www.cagj.org). Please feel free to contact [slee@cagj.org](mailto:slee@cagj.org) if you have any questions or would like further information.

Please find below your **Table Captain Toolkit**, in which you will find instructions on how to get started and what to expect from your experience as a Table Captain.

**What changes will there be given that SLEE is taking place outdoors?**

The primary change will be in the seating arrangements. We will only have seating in chairs at tables for about 80 people (each table seats 8). We will prioritize accessibility needs, and guests of Table Captains. There will be picnic blankets for others. **The event will take place rain or shine**; there is a covered area, in the event of inclement weather.

For the most updated details about being a Table Captain for SLEE, please go to [our Table Captain resource page](https://cagj.org/slee-table-captains/).

**THANK YOU** for all your hard work and commitment! Being a Table Captain is a powerful opportunity to bring your communities into the movement for food sovereignty and one of the most important ways we build our base throughout the year.

We are so grateful for your support!

**Table Captain Toolkit**

**Instructions**

**STEP ONE:** Let us know how you will pay for your table.

***Option 1:* Pay $400 - $1,000 up front to CAGJ**

Table Captains provide essential seed money so CAGJ can cover the costs of organizing the gala. Please remember that the SLEE! Gala raises a significant portion of our annual budget each year. When considering the sliding scale, we ask you to please give graciously and accept our utmost thanks! Some Table Captains choose to be reimbursed by their guests, others don’t – that’s up to you.

Please mail your check (so we avoid getting charged a 3% credit card processing fee), made out to CAGJ, to 1322 S. Bayview St., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98144.

***Option 2:* Pay $40 - $100 for your own ticket and ask your guests to purchase their tickets individually.** *NOTE: If guests are purchasing their own tickets, please inform them to indicate that you are their Table Captain during the online ordering process. Checks made out to CAGJ can be mailed to:* 1322 S. Bayview St., Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98144.

**STEP TWO:** Make a list of friends, family, and colleagues to join you who believe in movement-building, international solidarity, food and climate justice, and Fair Trade – and who might want to learn more about CAGJ and enjoy an inspiring night featuring local grassroots organizations and an incredible keynote.

**STEP THREE:** Invite your guests!

* We’ve provided a sample email invitation at the end of this document.
* Ticketing link (if you’re not paying up front for your table): tinyurl.com/SLEE2022tickets
* Facebook event:
* Remember that many people take a bit of follow-up; if you haven’t heard from a guest within a week or two, give them a call or send a note to personally invite them to join you at your table.

**STEP FOUR:** Send your completed guest list, including **names and email addresses**, to [sara@cagj.org](mailto:sara@cagj.org) by **WED** **July 6, 2022.**

We promise we will not share guests’ email addresses. We just request it so that we can send out a reminder before the event with important details.

**FAQs:**

***What happens if I can’t get enough people to come?***

If you are unable to fill your table, we will open your table to other single ticket holders.

***What will my guests get to do at SLEE?***

* Meet and engagewith fellow activists, organizations, farmers, and food workers who are passionate about food justice, fair trade, and strengthening local economies everywhere!
* Enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres, with ingredients donated by local farmers and Fair Trade co-ops.
* Be inspired by dynamic speakers from our food justice movement.
* Bid on silent auction items donated by local businesses and community members.
* Take action for justice in our local and global food systems!

***What about the meal?***

We will be serving hors d’oeuvres instead of a full meal, as the event takes place in the afternoon.

***How will I be acknowledged?***

We want you to know how much we appreciate you! As a Table Captain, you will be recognizedon the event website, and from the podium at the event. Additionally, if you are able to give at the $1,000 level and pay for your entire table beforehand, we will give you a quarter page ad in our event program.

***What does your donation support?***

When you support CAGJ, you are helping to strengthen the global food sovereignty movement. Please see our [latest annual report](https://cagj.org/wp-content/uploads/CAGJ-Annualreport2021-digital2.pdf) for an overview of the many ways CAGJ organized in response to the challenges of 2021. Your support enables CAGJ to:

* Finish our short film series, Rich Appetites: How Big Philanthropy is Shaping the Future of Food in Africa, and continue conducting research and mobilizing with global allies to hold the Gates Foundation accountable;
* Stop GE salmon from coming to market, in partnership with other organizations and in solidarity with Northwest Tribes;
* Support food chain workers across the state, including the farmworker union Familias Unidas por la Justicia, who just expanded their membership by supporting tulip workers who were striking to improve working conditions;
* Organize our 4th Rise-Up Summer School, because the Food Sovereignty movement needs more people - especially youth! - who have both a nuanced understanding of local and global food system issues and the organizing skills to build alternatives.

**SAMPLE EMAIL INVITATION**

*NOTE: If you paid up front, delete the tickets info at the end.*

Dear friend,

I am hosting a table at CAGJ’s 16th Annual SLEE! Gala on Saturday, July 16th, and invite you to join me! This year, SLEE will be held out-doors in the afternoon, 3-6pm, in one of the gardens cultivated by the keynote, Black Star Farmers.

The Strengthening Local Economies Everywhere (SLEE!) Gala is an annual fundraiser benefitting Community Alliance for Global Justice (CAGJ). It is a great chance to meet fellow activists, organizations, farmers, and food workers who are passionate about food justice, Fair Trade, and strengthening local economies. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and libations, go on a garden tour, peruse the silent auction full of fabulous offerings, and hear live music!

**Community Alliance for Global Justice’s 16th Annual SLEE! Gala**

**Saturday, July 16th, 3 – 6 PM**

Held at MLK Fame Center in Madison Valley, 3201 E Republican St, Seattle, WA 98112

The keynote will be given by members of [**Black Star Farmers**](https://blackstarfarmers.org/)**.** Marcus Henderson, Derrick McDonald, Orian Grant and Cactus will present, **“Reclaiming Food Sovereignty and Reconnecting to Indigenous Ways of Life.”** Black Star Farmers is an organization dedicated to creating safe, joyful, and supportive space for BIPOC communities to reclaim their ancestral foodways. They were born in the Capitol Hill Organized Protest (CHOP) during the 2020 summer uprising. Today they steward several gardens in Seattle, on occupied Duwamish and Coast Salish territory, and are committed to facilitating difficult conversations about race, anti colonialism, anti capitalism, and any oppressive systems.

Please let me know if you will be able to join me on July 16th!

Tickets

Tickets are offered on a $40 - $100 sliding scale. Please purchase your tickets (tinyurl.com/SLEE2022tickets ) and **make sure to include my name as your Table Captain** when you are prompted. You are also invited to donate an additional ticket to make it possible for a farmers and farmworkers to join us at the gala as honored guests!