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**IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE RIBBON FOUNDATION HOSTS 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
"HALFWAY TO THE FAIR HAPPY HOUR FUNDRAISER"**

**Des Moines, IA** - When the Iowa State Fair wraps up, Fairgoers start patiently waiting. The Blue Ribbon Foundation knows winter can be the hardest part of the wait. Once you flip the calendar, February is 6 months until the best celebration of the summer. That's only 182 days until you get to eat your favorite food-on-a-stick and join in the beloved traditions. Stop counting down the days and join the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation as we fast-forward to August!

The Blue Ribbon Foundation is hosting the 2nd annual **Halfway to the Fair Happy Hour Fundraiser** on Friday, February 7 in the Elwell Family Food Center on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Attendees will enjoy live music from the Dueling Pianos of Andy Anderson & Mike Leeds, eat Fair-inspired appetizers and help support future Iowa State Fairgrounds improvements benefitting you and your family.

Purchase your \$50 admission ticket online at [www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org](http://www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org) or by calling the Blue Ribbon Foundation office at 515-262-3111 Ext. 371. Admission ticket includes entertainment and appetizers. Doors open at 5:30 pm, entertainment starts at 6 pm.

Raising \$160 million since 1993, the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation has played a crucial role in generating funding for improvements to the historic Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Iowa State Fair is a salute to the state's best in agriculture, industry, entertainment and achievement. The Blue Ribbon Foundation is dedicated to continuing the tradition by providing high-quality facilities. With your support of **Halfway to the Fair Happy Hour Fundraiser**, we can ensure that Fairgoers will continue to create lifelong memories.

The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Additional information about the **Halfway to the Fair Happy Hour Fundraiser** can be found at [www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org](http://www.BlueRibbonFoundation.org). For questions, please email [Info@BlueRibbonFoundation.org](mailto:Info@BlueRibbonFoundation.org) or call (515) 262-3111, Ext. 371.

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