



Dear Board Members,

After a very successful inaugural *Hats Off to Nurses* event in 2017, where we raised almost \$6,000 for the Washington Center for Nursing, the Sustainability Committee has been hard at work to produce another fun and festive *Hats Off* celebration from 1-6 p.m. on May 5, 2018 at the Emerald Downs. Mark your calendars!

In planning last year's event, each board member committed to giving an individual \$150 donation. **I ask that board members make the same \$150 pledge this year.** Your *Hats Off* contribution would count toward your individual WCN board member fundraising goal for 2018.

We would also be very grateful if you were able to make any additional contribution, such as honoring a nurse, securing a donation from an organization, or choosing an option from the sponsorship form.

WCN staff will be making appeals to local nursing and healthcare organizations, and if you have a special relationship with an organization and can make the pitch yourself, please let me know.

Please look over the attached sponsorship form for the sponsorship levels and the respective benefits.

To make your individual board member contribution, please make a donation via check to WCN or payment on PayPal. Also, please specify that your donation is for the "Hats Off to Nurses" event: www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=9056737

If you have any questions or comments about *Hats Off* fundraising, please feel free to contact me at lmh-ccb@comcast.net

In addition to honoring nurses, *Hats Off* is an opportunity to celebrate our loyal supporters and work with them to create a larger giving circle, and we as the board are an important foundation for supporting this effort.

Thank you for your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher C. Birchem". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Chris Birchem, RN
WCN Sustainability Committee Chair