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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: **REQUEST FOR DONATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS CARING SOCIETY 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA TO BE HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017 IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA**

For the third year, West Region Child and Family Services, Inc. is hosting the Manitoba First Nations 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Fundraiser to support the *First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada*. The gala will once again be held at the **Club Regent Casino Event Centre** at 1415 Regent Ave. W. in Winnipeg on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**. This year's theme is "*Supporting the Rights of First Nations Children*" and will include a four-course dinner, entertainment, art and silent auctions. To ensure the success of this fundraiser, we are seeking contributions to help meet the costs associated with this event so that all the funds raised can go directly toward the Caring Society.

On January 26, 2016, Canadian Human Rights Tribunal substantiated the claim alleging Canada's flawed and inequitable provision of First Nations child welfare services and improper implementation of Jordan's Principle. The tribunal ordered Canada to immediately cease its discriminatory practices. Since then, three orders from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal requiring Canada to comply have not been heeded; therefore, the Manitoba First Nation child welfare agencies will continue with an annual fundraising event for the Caring Society. For more information on the good work of the Caring Society on behalf of First Nations, please go to their website at [www.fncaringsociety.com](http://www.fncaringsociety.com).

Last year's gala raised \$41,000 on behalf of the Caring Society and this year our goal is to raise **\$100,000**. We hope that we can count on your support in one or more of the following ways:



*By donating to the Art Auction with Native artwork, blankets, or hand crafted items.*



*By donating to the Silent Auction with items such as computers, professional services, or other valuables.*



*By sponsoring a "Table of 8, 6 or 4" for your organization or for use by others. (please see poster for pricing)*



*By becoming an Annual Sponsor to help us meet the costs of the Gala. Sponsors will be recognized during the event, and on our Facebook page, and the Caring Society's website.*

For more information or to make a donation please contact Rena Ironstand at 204-636-6100 or by email at [rena.ironstand@wrcfs.org](mailto:rena.ironstand@wrcfs.org) or Rosella Bone at [rosella.bone@wrcfs.org](mailto:rosella.bone@wrcfs.org) or Jennifer King at [jking@fncaringsociety.com](mailto:jking@fncaringsociety.com). Make any monetary donations payable to the "**Manitoba First Nations Caring Society Gala Committee**" and mail to West Region Child and Family Services at the Head Office above. Ensure you indicate **what** you will be supporting and a **person's name and contact information**. On behalf of the Manitoba First Nations Child and Family Services agencies and the Gala Planning Committee, we thank you for any support you can provide!

Yours truly,

  
Stella Bone

Gala Committee Chair/Executive Director of WRCFS