



December 17, 2019

Kathryn Matts
Commission Secretary
City of Burnaby | Parks Administration Office
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

Dear Members of the Commission,

The Burnaby Neighbourhood House (BNH) is presenting its 16th annual fundraising event, the **Annual Diamond Ball Gala**, which will take place on **Saturday, March 7, 2020** at the Firefighters Banquet & Conference Centre. We would like to request a donation of an item to be used in either the silent or live auction during the evening's events.

We appreciate your support of this event for the past years and would like you to once again consider a donation of passes for Golf and the Burnaby Blues Festival. If possible, 4 passes for Riverway and 4 passes for Burnaby Mountain. We will ensure that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Department receive recognition in the evening program as an event contributor.

BNH is a charitable, non-profit organization. We are a volunteer driven community-funded agency with a unique focus on neighbours supporting neighbours. We are a place that feels like home, where everyone can connect, seniors can gather, youth can find a purpose and families can flourish.

We have seen much growth over the years and have responded to the increased demand for BNH's programs and services by recently opening a second Neighbourhood House in North Burnaby. Last year alone, over 2,900 children and youth, as well as over 5,300 adults and seniors benefited from BNH's programs and services. Money raised at the event will help us continue operating these programs and services.

This year's gala theme will have you swaying your hips to a salsa beat. "Havana Nights" will be an evening full of palm trees accompanied by icy, fruity cocktails, ending with the live dance band Rainshadow. The event is expected to sell out and be attended by Burnaby's business community and leaders.

We hope that your business will join in and support us in making our 16th Annual Diamond Ball Gala an amazing success and enable BNH to continue to make all Neighbourhoods in Burnaby better places for people to live, work and play! Please find enclosed the Auction Donation Form.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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This request will be addressed in the New Business portion of the Agenda.

Our Mission is to make neighbourhoods better places to live.

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