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Dear Friend of St. Ignatius Parish School,

On Saturday, February 25, 2017, St. Ignatius School will host its annual Gala & Auction, with a Kentucky Derby Nights theme at the Croatian American Cultural Center. This year the Gala events and program materials will be circulated to over 2,800 parishioners and school families. The Gala is attended by over 300 guests and last year raised over \$140,000 for our school and is the largest fundraiser during the school year. Our success at this event is due in large part to the support of businesses like yours!

We are currently accepting merchandise, services, and sponsorship advertising for our event and I am writing to request your support. By making a donation to our auction, you will be giving a tax-deductible contribution that will help our students and community, as well as gain valuable exposure for your business at our event. The St. Ignatius community is passionately committed to returning support to the businesses who assist us in investing in our children's education.

The proceeds from the 2017 Gala and Auction will be used to support necessary resources and programs for children at St. Ignatius. St. Ignatius Parish School offers a Jesuit education and cares for not only the children in attendance but offers support for the greater community. The following are a few examples of how the students at St. Ignatius give back to the community:

- Tuition Assistance – School Provides over \$65,000 to support our families in need
- Homeless – Students help provide a monthly meal and necessities for the homeless
- Adopt a Family during Christmas
- Supporting our Troops
- Visiting the Elderly
- 8th Grade Pedro Arrupe Projects that support over 34 non-profit organizations

We would be most grateful to receive a donation from you. Donating advertising, goods, or a service unique to your business is a great way to promote your business, but also know it would be an item of value and much appreciated by our Gala guests. All contributions are tax deductible under our tax ID# 45-4177209.

Please find the attached sponsorship level, donations and advertising submission information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by phone or at derby@sigala.org.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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