



**Dear Alumni, Friends, Parents, & Guardians;**

**Greetings from Benedictine High School—Home of Champions!**

Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue & White Gala will be held this school year on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at The Westin, Cleveland Downtown. In order to ensure the success of this event, we are asking for your help in joining our team and assisting in any of the number of ways needed. Every year the event brings in over \$300,000 and this year we are looking to make a bigger impact reaching \$400,000 for scholarships and financial aid which nearly 80% of our students receive.

We are asking each of you to help procure or donate a “themed” item to be used for in baskets, promote ad requests for program ads, or forward corporate contact information for sponsorship consideration. If you know of a business willing to make a donation and needs additional information, please contact Debbie First at [first@cbhs.edu](mailto:first@cbhs.edu) or by phone, 216-421-2080 ext. 156.

All of us have our own circle of friends, family, acquaintances, restaurants, shops, hangouts, who might consider a donation from a request from one of their regulars. With these donations we can create themed Silent Auction baskets or consider for Live Auction items.

**Sample items and ideas are below:**

**Art**—glass pieces, prints, paintings, unique & authentic home décor art ...

**BBQ/Outdoors**—gas grill, grilling supplies, outdoor games, smoker, lawn chairs, tables, coolers ...

**Home and Auto**—Power tools, car wash and detail, windshield defogger, gift cards to Lowes & Home Depot ...

**Cooking**—cookbooks, kitchen utensils and gadgets, linens, small kitchen appliances ...

**Electronics**—digital camera, digital photo frame, memory cards, photo album, speakers, smartwatch, Apple/iTunes gift cards ...

**Sports**—tickets to sporting events, team shirt/hat gear, team logo items, gift cards, autographed items, equipment (cycling, golf, hiking, etc...) participation experiences for golf, shooting ranges ...

**Wellness**—spa certificates, bath items, lotions, aroma therapy items, soothing music cd's, gym passes, workout equipment ...

**And More...**

**We encourage your creativity for baskets or themes for securing donations which may interest a wide variety of donors such as... Favorite Restaurant's, Department Store, Museum's, Amusement Park's, Vacation Spots, Shopping Malls & Plaza's, Schools & Parishes, College, and Neighborhoods**—treats and treasures from your favorite Cleveland Neighborhood: Tremont, Ohio City, Coventry Village, Little Italy, University Circle, Edgewater, Shaker Square/Larchmere, The Flats and Warehouse District... just to name a few! We are open to new ideas so be creative.

This really can be fun and invigorating promoting Benedictine and your favorite local establishments and activities all-in-one. We cannot do it without you, so let's work together in creating an event for the ages, celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue & White Gala 2017.

We have registered our event at **Crate and Barrel**, and are listed under **Benedictine**.

Please find enclosed a donation form for your convenience. Please visit our website [www.cbhs.edu](http://www.cbhs.edu) or additional information and details. Questions are welcome by contacting our Chair, Debbie First at [first@cbhs.edu](mailto:first@cbhs.edu) or by phone 216-421-2080 ext. 156.

On behalf of all of our students and their families we thank you for your consideration and wish you many blessings during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Sincerely,

Debbie First  
Blue & White Gala Chair  
Benedictine High School