

November 21, 2016

Exec Name
Company Name
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Dear Friend,

Thank you for the support that (the company name here) has given the Spokane Lilac Festival **over the years**. Your company may have lent a hand to the Festival by a donation, participated in the parade or attended with family, coworkers or friends.

Your **help in funding** of the 79 - year - old **tradition of the** Spokane Lilac Festival is **critical**. Your support is needed to “keep the parade afloat!”

The Lilac Festival parade has been one of the most important **annual** events of the **spring**, not only for Spokane, but **for** surrounding communities. It has been celebrated through depressions, recessions, **and** international conflicts, including the Second World War (the only year without a parade, **when instead** lilac bouquets were handed to troops through train windows as they traveled through Spokane to military bases. Without fail, each year Spokane individuals and families, spanning generations from toddlers to grandparents line the streets of our beautiful downtown to cheer and applaud the Spokane Lilac Festival Armed Services Parade. **Many spectators** arrive early **morning** on the 3rd Saturday in May, **and the crowd grows** in numbers throughout the afternoon and early evening, swelling to over 180,000 **people**.

The Torchlight Parade is spectacular. It is free to all participants and spectators from all walks of life, including visitors of cities and towns throughout the Northwest who march, showcase their floats, or help line the streets to share in the patriotism and pageantry!

We know that you **receive** many **donation requests for other causes**. **However**, we ask that you consider **supporting** the Lilac Festival. **We are deeply grateful for any size of gift from \$5 to \$5000**. We want you to know that 100% of your dollar goes to the Lilac Festival parade, float, and the Royalty Leadership and Scholarship Program for college-bound high school senior women.

Your support of any amount is valued and appreciated. Your donation can be made using a credit card, a check, or a pledge to be paid at a later date. The attached brochure provides information about levels of giving, event sponsorships, and the benefits to our sponsors.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and considering our request. Please contact us **if** you would like additional information about our organization.

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P.S. Online donations are easy and appreciated. **Go** to our website www.spokanelilacfestival.org and click on DONATE!



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