



PALMETTO GOLD

**SALUTING SOUTH CAROLINA NURSES FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE
SUPPORTING NURSING EDUCATION WITH SCHOLARSHIPS**

January 2nd, 2017

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program Gala will take place on Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Columbia Convention Center in Columbia, S.C. Palmetto Gold is a state wide registered nurse recognition program which honors excellence in nursing practice and commitment to the profession. One hundred registered nurses from across the state will be recognized. We expect a crowd of over 600 healthcare professionals and their families to gather to celebrate these registered nurses and their accomplishments. We also will be honoring the 2017 Palmetto Gold Scholarship Recipients. Each year since inception, the proceeds from the gala have been used to fund scholarships in each of the registered nurse programs in South Carolina, and to build the Palmetto Gold Scholarship endowment.

We would be honored to have you and a guest join us. Under the auspices of the South Carolina Nurses Foundation, Inc., this recognition program was created by a coalition of nursing organizations in our state. The organizations included the South Carolina Nurses Foundation, South Carolina Organization of Nurse Leaders, South Carolina Nurses Association, South Carolina League for Nursing and the South Carolina Chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International.

We are looking forward to April 22nd, and hope that you will be able to join us as we honor registered nurses who are making important contributions to our state everyday as they care for South Carolinians. For any questions, I can be reached at #843-229-9076.

Sincerely,

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