NAHN Philadelphia Chapter POBox 56509 Philadelphia, PA 19111
215-432-4218 vcrn22@comcast.net

Philadelphia Chapter
Board Members

Valerie Caraballo RN, MSN
President

Veronica Morales MSN, CRNP
Vice President

Herían García RN, BSN
Secretary

Marlene Elizondo RN, BSN
Treasurer

Scholarship Committee

Valerie Caraballo-Perez RN, MSN
Chair

Madelyn Maldonado MSN, CRNP
Co-Chair

Katherine Rodríguez RN, MSN

Blanca Mártir MSN, CRNP

Dear Sponsor,

Hispanic Americans represent 14.1 percent of the US population and are steadily growing; yet Hispanic nurses and other healthcare providers do not emulate this escalating number. Alarmingly, on a national level Hispanic nurses represent a mere 1.7 percent of the nursing workforce. Bilingual and bicultural nurses are an integral and invaluable element in the Tri State area, where the growing numbers of Hispanic patients in need of health care services lack the ability to speak or communicate effectively in English.

Since 1997 the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) has provided a voice for the community and Hispanic nurses within the Tri State area. As part of our mission we strive to mentor and enhance current and future nurses. For the past 7 years, NAHN has had the opportunity to award merit-based scholarships to Hispanic students pursuing a career in nursing. Last year the association awarded six exceptional students scholarships in the amount of $1000 each towards nursing programs. In addition, our association was able to send a nursing student to the National Conference. This experience exposed the student to nursing leadership, professionalism and allowed for networking opportunities with Masters and Doctoral prepared nurses across the country.

The association is pleased to announce that during Hispanic Heritage month, NAHN will be awarding scholarships at our Hispanic Nurse Scholarship Awards Banquet. This event will be held on Friday, September 17, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 11:00pm at Romano's Catering, located on Castor Avenue and Wingohocking Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124.

In order to continue these efforts our chapter needs your generous support by donating to our scholarship fund, as well as other events our association hosts throughout the year. It is through the help of organizations such as yours that our association is able to achieve our mission and enhance the future for the Hispanic nurses of our community one student at a time. This consorted effort will greatly impact the quality of care that patients and their families deserve when seeking healthcare. Enclosed you will find a sponsorship application for this upcoming event.

We look forward to working with you.

Gratefully,

Valerie Caraballo RN, MSN
President