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Dear:

We invite you to become a **sponsor** of the **Ikebana International North & Central American Regional Conference (NCARC)** to be held in Dallas on **October 27 to 31, 2019**. The previous NCARC was held over five years ago, so this is a unique opportunity. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel and at the Majestic Theater. This prestigious five-day event draws ikebana masters and leaders from around the world. Attendees will be primarily from North and Central America, but many will travel from South America, Asia and Europe.

The **Honorary Chairs are Consul-General of Japan and Mrs. Hideo Fukushima**. Examples of renowned ikebana masters who will participate include Headmaster Designate Senko Ikenobo from Kyoto; Soho Sakai, Riji, Elaine Jo, Executive Master, Jose Salcedo, Master Professor, Kika Shibata, Riji and Yoshiko LeSage, Professor, all located in the U.S.

Ikebana International (II) is a non-profit organization based in Tokyo and is dedicated to the appreciation of the Japanese art of flower arrangement. Its goal is to unite the peoples of the world through their mutual love of nature and enjoyment of ikebana, one of the most revered Japanese cultures. It was founded and is still administered by volunteers. **The Honorary President is Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado**. Dallas Chapter 13 and Fort Worth Chapter 38 are jointly hosting this regional conference. The detailed schedule is available at ikebanadallas.org/18thNCARC.

As a sponsor, you will receive prominent recognition locally, nationally and internationally in the press, on television and at multiple websites, and in the conference materials. You and your guests will also receive invitations to many of the events, based upon sponsorship level. Descriptions of levels are on the attached Sponsorship Contract.

Our mission is "GROW Ikebana," designed to facilitate cultural exchange and new growth in an amazing art and organization through community outreach by offering education in schools and other community venues and providing opportunities for those who are interested in attending demonstrations and workshops. We will cultivate and perpetuate the art of Ikebana, the beauty and joy of creation and love for nature.

In addition, proceeds will help to defray costs associated with this five-day long conference. Please respond early to ensure that your company's name will be publicized early. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia O'Reilly, 18thncarc@gmail.com (214-680-9986) or Mr. John Stich, jmstich@sbcglobal.net (972-713-8683).

Thank you for your support.

Patricia O'Reilly
18th NCARC 2019 Chair

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