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Greetings,

Director
Victoria Vinton, MSN, RN

I am pleased to share the Nebraska Action Coalition's (NAC) progress with all of you: our past, current, and future donors. In addition to the highlights below, please take a moment to review the information enclosed.

Executive Committee

Accomplishments

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- Awarded a Future of Nursing State Implementation Program grant for \$150,000/2 years from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in January 2013.
- Added eight accomplished Strategic Advisory Committee members since 2012.
- Completed a pilot of statewide competency-based nursing education outcomes in spring 2014 and gap analysis. Second phase to begin in fall 2014
- Established collaboration with Nebraska Nurse Practitioners (NNP) to move toward *full NP practice authority* through statewide education.
- Built momentum toward a 10-percent increase of diverse (race, rural, men) nurses on boards based on leadership survey answered by over 1,000 nurses.
- One of eight states featured in a RWJF case study sharing best practices across the nation's 50 Action Coalitions.
- Engaged new partners by hosting regional stakeholders' breakfasts and nursing/interprofessional conferences.

Strategic Advisory Committee

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Funding

Our operating budget will be **\$700,000 through 2020**. Since becoming an Action Coalition in September 2011, the **NAC has raised \$258,000** to support our work in health care transformation (not including **in-kind donations estimated over \$100,000**). We need to raise another \$100,000 annually to continue our work.

Major donors: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Visiting Nurse Association; HDR, Inc.; Immanuel Communities; Nebraska Hospital Association; St. Elizabeth's Medical Center; Nebraska Medical Center; Good Samaritan Kearney; Alegent-Creighton Health; Great Plains Medical Center North Platte; St. Francis Medical Center, Grand Island; Aureus Medical (division of C&A Industries), and several outstate hospitals, institutions of higher learning, professional nursing organizations, businesses, and individual donors.

Your support will allow us to fulfill our grant deliverables to advance nursing education, practice, and leadership to improve health care in Nebraska. **Please include us in your annual budget.** Consider a gift of \$_____ and partner with us in this transformative work. Many thanks and best wishes to your organization in the coming year!

To the future of health care,

Victoria Vinton

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