

Dear Silent Auction Sponsor:

Marion's Women's Business Council (WBC), each year awards, to a very deserving person of the community the ATHENA Award.

The ATHENA Award is an international award recognizing the leadership of outstanding professional and business women of a community and those who advocate and provide opportunities for women to move into leadership positions. This coming **March 7, 2016** will be the 19<sup>th</sup> year an ATHENA sculpture will be presented in Marion, Ohio.

During the banquet guests will have the opportunity to bid on all auction items. The money garnered from this auction is donated to a local Marion non-profit charity of choice selected by the 2016 Athena Award Winner.

Last year our fundraising event was quite successful, and thanks to sponsors and donors like you, we were able to raise \$2541. These proceeds are matched up to \$2500 by Modern Woodmen of America making the total contribution of \$5041 to the 2015 ATHENA Recipient Jody Demo-Hodgins, charity of choice Marion Matters, Inc.

The Women's Business Council hopes you find this cause worthy of consideration for your 2016 sponsorship opportunities. The WBC tax # for deduction purposes is 26-3238338. Please contact me to discuss your options and how I may pick-up your donation.

Thank you in advance,

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