Dear friend of softball,

For over two decades the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame has been the leading voice of support of the great game of softball which started in Chicago in 1887 - men, women, teens and children - along with their family and friends. As Co-Founder, I am asking for your financial support.

Our mission is simple - we do three things: recognize the best players, managers, organizers, sponsors and teams, tell stories about our fascinating history and promote this great game so it continues to be fabric of our city and played in others states.

I know you are approached by many fine not-for-profit organizations, but here are several reasons why you might consider a <u>gift</u> to Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame:

- Our Hall of Fame Museum in Forest Park is free to visit.
- In 2017, we anticipate our 21st Inductee Awards Dinner to add more deserving honorees.
- We have worked with the Chicago Police Dept. to teach our at risk children to play the game.
- We have educated middle schools and DePaul University about our sport and its history.
- We have supported tournaments being played in Las Vegas and Phoenix that have attracted teams from 7 states.
- We send our monthly HOF e-newsletter to over 8,000 fans.
- Every day thousands on Facebook view our current and past stories and photos that we share to educate our fans.

Your <u>gift</u> to The Hall of Fame will help provide additional displays and funds to be open more days. When people come we usually hear the same comment, "I was not expecting it to be this nice or informative." Our dedicated volunteer board takes great pride in hearing that - we want to continue that legacy. Lastly we could use funds to invest in marketing the museum to attract more attendees

Help us continue to create more of these powerful stories and connect our young people to play this great sport played by generations.

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I am grateful for your consideration for donating a small dollar amount to a significant tax write off. And from all of us at the Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame, we wish you and your family a warm holiday season and wonderful 2017.

With deep gratitude,

Al Maag Co-Founder Chicago 16 Inch Softball Hall of Fame

