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To Whom It May Concern:

The students of the USA College of Medicine are proud to announce the return of the **USA College of Medicine Gumbo Chili Showdown!** The GCS is a competition between teams to see who can create the very best pot of gumbo or chili. Teams of five students, faculty, physicians, or community members prepare their food for hundreds of guests who then have the ability to vote on their favorite gumbo and chili. All of the funds collected benefit the **Regan Robinson Young Scholarship**. The event will be open to the public prior to the USA Spring Football Game on **Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium**. We would be very pleased if you would join us in supporting this local scholarship opportunity.

In 2010, medical students at USA started a scholarship in memory of their late classmate, Regan Robinson Young. Regan was just 23 years old and in her 2nd year of medical school when she was diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. Despite her diagnosis, she continued with her studies, using her illness to help her better understand and care for patients. She passed away, just 4 months before graduating, at the age of 26. The Regan Robinson Young Scholarship was founded to honor her bravery and devotion to medicine.

The Gumbo Chili Showdown was created with the sole purpose of generating the funds required to keep the Regan Robinson Young Scholarship thriving. *We cannot do this without your support.* The primary form of funding is through local business sponsorships. Whether you are supporting us for the first time or have been an active contributor in the past, we welcome any interest in the event that you may be willing to provide. Because we are a non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. I have attached a separate form outlining the different levels of sponsorship available. Please, look this over and contact me with any questions.

Thank you so much for you time and we hope to see you at Gumbo Chili Showdown 2017!

Regards,

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