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Subject: Gift Ticket - NHS of Chicago's FY24

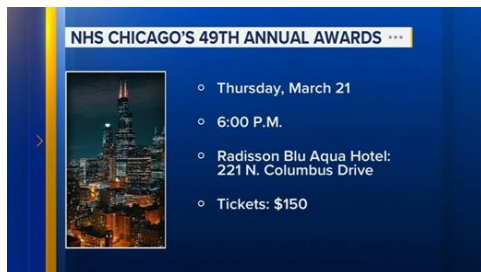
Good Afternoon Steve,

I wanted to share details of an Annual Award Dinner I attended due to receiving a free ticket and being directly connect to the work.

- **Agency:** Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS), Inc.
- **Location:** Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, 221 N. Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL 60602
- **Date:** Thursday, March 21st, from 6pm - 9 pm
- **DOH Staff Attended:** Myself, Esther Gutierrez
- **Cost:** The market rate value for nonprofits and government employees was \$150. It was a higher cost for other institutions, such as lenders.
- **Reason for attendance:** Their Director of Neighborhood Strategy, Karen Woods, invited me on Tuesday, March 12th. NHS is a longstanding partner of the City of Chicago, and it operates various programs through funding from the City of Chicago. One of their programs, the Housing Counseling Centers, is within my delegate agency portfolio. I do not have reason to believe the gift ticket was given out of impropriety but rather due to the longstanding partnership.
- **Website:** <https://nhschicago.org/annual-awards/>
 - (Accessed 03/14/2024)

Image below is from their [ABC7 News interview](#), which contains the ticket price.

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[Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago to honor trailblazers of community development](#)

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago is thrilled to announce the upcoming 2024 Annual Awards Dinner on March 21.

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NHS CHICAGO'S 49TH ANNUAL AWARDS ...



- Thursday, March 21
- 6:00 P.M.
- Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel:
221 N. Columbus Drive
- Tickets: \$150

Thank You,

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