MAKE THE COMMITMENT!!

The National Black Nurses Association salutes its Lifetime Members and recognizes their life-long commitment to our organization's mission: to provide a forum for collective action by black nurses to investigate, define and advocate for the health care needs of African Americans and to implement strategies that ensure access to health care, equal to, or above health care standards of the larger society. NBNA is committed to improving the quality of life of persons who share the African American heritage and other ethnic groups.

NBNA invites you to strengthen your involvement in NBNA by making the commitment to become a Lifetime Member. As an NBNA Lifetime Member, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Complimentary conference registration in the year that the final payment is made
- Lifetime Membership Certificate
- Listed on the NBNA Lifetime Members Plaque
- Listed in the NBNA Conference Souvenir Program annually
- Listed on the NBNA website
- Special recognition at the Closing Session of the NBNA Annual Conference honoring Lifetime Members
- Special seating for Lifetime Members at the Closing Session of the NBNA Annual Conference
- Complimentary NBNA Premium

NBNA Lifetime Membership is $2,000.00 – payable in four installments over one year.

NBNA has tapped the energy and enthusiasm of its membership around the country over the past three years, and as a result of executing an ambitious Campaign, NBNA has experienced:

- Complimentary NBNA Premium

- record-breaking increase in new members from 710 in 2001 to 962 in 2002 to 1015 in 2003

- outstanding educational conferences …1300 nurses, student nurses and exhibitors joined us at the 2003 NBNA Annual Institute and Conference in New Orleans; this compares to 1000 registrants in 2002 at the Houston conference. Ron Williams, President, Aetna, was the keynote speaker. The Cardiovascular Institute was sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, NIH. NBNA launched a Career Fair for 150 local students and persons interested in nursing as a career. A luncheon was hosted by the National Black Nurses Foundation to discuss the nursing shortage; and then a plenary session was held on nursing leadership.

- partnerships on health initiatives with Fortune 500 companies, including research and publishing opportunities through Johnson and Johnson and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals

- advisory appointments to federal and national boards like the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, JCAHO Advisory Council on Nursing, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, American Medical Women's Association; Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, Nursing Spectrum Magazine

- Speaking engagements before major health organizations like the Sullivan Commission, Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Weekend and the Institute of Medicine to discuss the nursing shortage; Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

By becoming a Lifetime Member of NBNA you will join a wonderful legacy of your colleagues like NBNA Founding Member Dr. Betty Smith Williams; American Academy of Nursing Living Legend Dr. Gloria Smith; NBNA Trailblazer Awardee Dr. Linda Burnes Bolton; NBNA Lifetime Awardee Dr. Gloria Smith; NBNA Board Members Dr. Daisy Alford-Smith, Azella Collins, Deidre Walton, Dr. Patricia McManus, Joan Bundley, Dr. Sandra Webb Booker, Dr. Hilda Richards, Dr. Debra Toney, LTC. Beulah Nash-Teachey, Dr. C. Alicia Georges and Dr. Rita Strickland; NBNA member Nursing School Dean Dr. Catherine Gillis; NBNA past leadership Ophelia Long, Dr. Carrie Rogers Brown, Mirian Moses, Dr. Darlene Ruffin-Alexander, Birthale Archie, Marvel Davis, and Bernetta Pearson; and national leader, U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson, just to name a few. A list of the NBNA Lifetime Members is provided for you.

I believe that you will find your NBNA Lifetime Membership invaluable. Join us this year as an NBNA Life Time Member.