



Graham Hill Elementary School PTA

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Dear Friend of Graham Hill,

I am writing to ask you for your help. We need donations for the Graham Hill Elementary School auction. The auction is the primary fundraiser for our school. With recent budget cuts, we need your help now more than ever.

Graham Hill is a public school in southeast Seattle. We offer both a Montessori and a traditional program and have recently been awarded the "SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION" honor by the state. Our school is vibrant, diverse, and wonderful.

Unfortunately, the government does not fully fund schools, so it falls to the community to raise money for things like reading tutors, special programs such as Powerful Writers, Discover Dance, Explorations in Math, our wonderful Mandarin language program, after school programs, busses, and field trips. The PTA funds much needed classroom supplies. The PTA also puts on eighteen evening events, ranging from the Spring Sing to Heritage Night (highlighting the wonderful diversity of our school) to Family Fitness Night to Drop-Everything-and-Read night.

Over half the kids at Graham Hill come from low-income families. This means that we rely on the community to chip in and help us to provide ALL kids at our school with an excellent education.

We need donations for our upcoming auction. Would you be able to contribute something? Last year's auction was our first, and it was a great success. We need gift certificates to restaurants and shops. We need donated services (electrician, massage therapist, painter, you name it!). We need family adventures (a ride on your boat, a trip to your cabin, a museum membership, etc). We need travel opportunities! We need cool stuff you make (baby hats, quilts, anything). Please think if there is something you could donate. Also, if you have any connections to other people or companies that we should ask for an auction donation, please let me know.

I so appreciate your help with this. In the words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "The school is the LAST expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize."

Thank you again, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Anna McCartney

Auction Co-Chair