



January 7, 2010

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope that you enjoyed the winter holiday and are energized and ready to help us with the preparations for our annual spring auction – *Key's World Affair*. The auction will be held on Saturday, March 20th at Georgetown University's O'Donovan Hall. It will celebrate the diversity of Key's student body, which represents more than 60 countries. For those of you who are new to the Key Community, the auction is a fun night out and raises money for many of the activities that help make Key School a *Blue Ribbon School of Excellence*.

The success of the auction depends on you and we need your help soliciting items. As you move through the neighborhood and the city, we ask that you spend an extra minute at the restaurants and businesses you patronize to request a donation for the auction. Past donors to the auction have already received a letter requesting a donation, so feel free to contact one of us if you want to find out whether or not a business has already donated this year.

Donations do not have to come from local businesses, however. Donations of vacation homes and frequent flyer miles are very popular, as are tickets to sporting and cultural events. Most importantly, you can also donate your own time and talents! Some of the most successful items in past auctions have been dinners prepared by Key School parents, landscaping and handyman services, and passing on your expertise in a particular area via lessons. Some ideas include:

- ★ Hosting a pool party at your home
- ★ Hosting a wine & cheese party
- ★ Wine/Beer/Cheese of the Month Club
- ★ Delicious home cooked dinner for 6
- ★ Game Night Party for adults
- ★ Instant dinner party prepared and delivered
- ★ Lawn service for an entire summer
- ★ A special or favorite item from your country for the International /Country Baskets
- ★ Ice cream party for 6 children
- ★ A year of Thursday night dinners
- ★ Trip to the movies with popcorn for 3 children
- ★ Team up and do a day of yard work
- ★ Babysitting on a Saturday afternoon/night
- ★ Photography or music lessons
- ★ Cooking or baking lessons
- ★ An ethnic dinner for each month of the school year

The funds raised by the auction are critical to the continued success of our students. ***We hope that each of you can help us raise these funds by getting two donations for the auction.*** Attached to this letter are donation forms, along with a letter about the auction that can be distributed to local merchants. You can also donate online by visiting the 2010 Annual Spring Auction website at: <https://kesptadc.ejoinme.org/springauction>

Whether you solicit a donation or donate your own time or talent, please be sure to submit your donation forms to the auction box in the office at Key or online as early as possible, but no later than March 5th, so we can include your donation in our auction catalog.

Thank you in advance for helping us make this year's auction the best ever!

Sincerely,

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2010 Spring Auction Co-chairs