



Shepherd Elementary School PTA
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Dear Prospective Donor:

Shepherd Elementary School PTA is seeking donations for our annual Spring Gala and Auction. This year's event will be held Saturday, May 16, 2015 in the Atrium at Wilson Senior High School. The Gala and Auction is Shepherd's primary fundraising event of the year and attracts our largest crowd of parents, neighbors and other friends.

The auction committee is seeking the donation of a wide variety of products, services, experiences—and gift certificates—to be auctioned off at the Gala in May. Would you be able to donate an auction item, service, gift certificate or something similar?

Funds raised by the Shepherd PTA through the gala and auction are used directly in support of Shepherd Elementary School and Shepherd students. In the past, we have helped the school make purchases not covered by the DCPS budget, including a gym floor, smart boards, Kindles and iPads used by students for online learning and testing. Earlier this year, we fulfilled teacher "wish lists" on Amazon.com for classroom supplies. One of our goals for 2015 is to purchase new instruments for our music program.

For the upcoming school year, Shepherd is facing a potential budget cut of \$100,000. Our need to raise funds may be more critical this year than ever.

Shepherd Elementary School is a top-performing public elementary school in northwest Washington, DC, following an International Baccalaureate Programme. Our diverse student population includes neighborhood children, as well as out-of-boundary students from many DC communities, in pre-school through fifth grade.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, the volunteer who has reached out to you will be happy to assist you, or you may contact the Shepherd PTA at info@shepherd-elementary.org or contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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