



Dear Parents,

For 60 years, Grace Episcopal Day School has provided students from age three through grade five the opportunity for academic excellence in a caring, nurturing, moral environment that embraces diversity and promotes creativity, self-confidence, and service to others. Grace's Parent Teacher Organization is excited to bring our community together again in this Anniversary year for fun and fundraising at our annual spring auction, April 30-May 1, 2021. Although the auction will be virtual again this year, there will be a live, virtual kick-off event on Friday, April 30th at 7:00pm - mark your calendars!

Proceeds from the Auction will benefit the Grace Scholars Fund for Variable Tuition. This innovative approach to tuition support reflects Grace's foundational commitment to building a socioeconomically diverse student body where every family is an equal partner, and equitable contributor to their children's education. While over 55% of Grace's students receive a Variable Tuition, our entire community benefits from this mission, and the auction is vital to its success.

Our auction theme this year is "There's No Place Like Grace," and we invite you to help make it a success, not just just by taking part on the weekend of the event, but by donating an item or service, or by sponsoring the event. All net proceeds from the auction are applied to programs and services that make a Grace education both exceptional and accessible.

Here are some ways you can help:

- **Ask your favorite businesses to sponsor the event by donating a good or service or purchasing advertising in our online catalog** (you might be surprised how many businesses say yes!). We've created a letter and donation forms with background information on the school and event that you can use in your outreach. Soliciting donations costs nothing but your time, and is a fabulous way to support Grace.
- **Share your talents!** Consider donating your personal or professional expertise for the auction. Donate things like your artwork, handmade items, or culinary delights. Or offer the gift of your time to teach someone what you know. Can you help someone polish a resume, plan a garden, learn a style of cooking, or make jewelry? Your time and skills are priceless!
- **Purchase something to donate.** Donations can be made by you, your business, or by a coordinated group of friends.

Donations or sponsorships can be made by simply completing and submitting the attached forms. If you have any questions, please contact me at the number or email below. As a member of the Grace community you know what a truly special place Grace is -- together, we can help make sure that school's mission continues for 60 more years to come. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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The value of your donation may be tax-deductible: The Grace Episcopal Day School Tax ID # is 52-0895144.