



# School-Within-School Charter at Peabody

*A Reggio Emilia Inspired Learning Environment*

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## ***Eleventh Annual Jazz Gala and Auction***

### **Auction Donation Agreement**

I agree to make a donation to benefit School-Within-School at Peabody (SWS), a District of Columbia Public School. All proceeds will go to SWS.

***Help us streamline the auction by donating online at: WWW.SWSAUCTION.COM***

Auction Donation Deadline (for inclusion in program and marketing materials): March 8, 2008

Auction Date: April 5, 2008

### **DONOR INFORMATION**

**Name of Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_  I would like to be "Anonymous"

*(as it should be listed in the auction catalog)*

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(if different)*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(including city, state and zip code)*

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **ITEM/SERVICE DONATION**

Please briefly describe the item(s) donated. Please note any instructions and restrictions. Unless otherwise noted, terms of the auction item will expire March 31, 2009 if not used by the purchaser.

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(attach an additional page if necessary)

- Estimated value of item \$ \_\_\_\_\_  The item should be listed as "priceless"
- Gift certificate enclosed  Please create a gift certificate for this item
- I will deliver my donation the week of March 19—contact me regarding delivery instructions
- Please pick up my donation—contact me to arrange
- Materials for auction display are attached (*Brochures, photos, samples, etc. are welcome!*)

### **CASH DONATION**

Please accept my tax-deductible contribution of: \_\_\_\_\_ ***(Please note: Auction Sponsorship Opportunities are available starting at \$150.00)***

- I enclose a check payable to SWS at Peabody
- Charge my VISA or MasterCard #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donor's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

SWS parent contact: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. An acknowledgment of your generous donation will be mailed to you after the auction.*

## **Why Donate to the School-Within-School (SWS) Jazz Gala and Auction**

Since 1998, The School-Within-School at Peabody (SWS) parents have organized the SWS Jazz Gala and Auction - a fun evening event that raises program-supporting funds for the school. In addition to offering attendees valuable items on which to bid, auction goers enjoy wonderful food and drink in the company of neighbors. St. Mark's Church is transformed into a stunning Jazz hall for the night where table upon table of amazing items, trips, jewelry, vacations, wines, etc are on display.

The Jazz Gala is run by parents and proceeds directly benefits students. Last year's auction helped to bring the music and movement program to our students, ensured an assistant for each class, and purchased much-needed technology, art, and classroom supplies – programs and support that would not be possible on the DC school systems current funding levels alone.

Please help us support this excellent learning environment by making a generous donation of goods, services or sponsorship dollars to our 2008 Gala.

### **Background on the SWS Program**

SWS is a teacher-directed school inspired by the child-centered philosophy of Italy's Reggio Emilia pre-primary schools, which *Newsweek* has praised as the "best early childhood education in the world." Since its founding twelve years ago, SWS has become a model for early education programs across the country.

SWS is located on the Peabody campus of the Capitol Hill Cluster School, a D.C. Public School. It includes two pre-kindergarten and two kindergarten classes, each with 22 students who remain with the same class and teacher for both years at SWS. The full-time staff includes four teachers, four assistants, and an art teacher and is supplemented by other early childhood education professionals, including movement and music teachers and a librarian.

### **A Community Working Together**

The collaborative relationship among children, teachers and parents at SWS is a defining element of the school's philosophy. Parents participate as equal partners in communication and parent education, creating and improving the school environment, participating in children's projects, and fundraising to support the good work of the school. An important goal is to strengthen and bridge children's experiences between school and home.

**Your Gift Makes a Difference!**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND SUPPORT!**