



Dear Business Owner/Manager:

I am contacting you on behalf of our 40th annual SPLASH auction. SPLASH (St. Philomena: Leadership, Action, Scholarship, Heritage) is our largest fundraising event every year. This year, our online auction event will be held in February 2024. We will be hosting a live gala auction on March 16, 2024.

We are located in Des Moines, Washington and serve families from Des Moines, Kent, Burien, Normandy Park, Auburn, Federal Way, and Tacoma. Since 1963, our school has provided exceptional academic opportunities for children in grades preschool through eight. Our current student body consists of a variety of religions, a diverse ethnic population, and students with different physical and emotional abilities. We currently have more than 290 students with more than 50% of whom receive financial assistance.

After several years, we have returned to a live event as well as an online auction. Though we are fairly new to online auctions, SPLASH had more than 300 registered bidders and raised about \$100,000 for the school. Items funded by our past auctions include a new science lab, a Pre-Kindergarten program, security upgrades, repairing the boiler, along with vital tuition assistance. Last year we raised money to replace flooring in the classrooms, paint the exterior of the school, add lockers for the 6th graders, and enhance our technology by adding more i-Pads, Chromebooks, and more.

Our success depends directly upon the support from donors like you. Would you consider joining us in this worthwhile endeavor?

We invite *you* to be a part of this event as an **Event Sponsor** or **Auction Donor**. SPLASH is an excellent way to showcase *your* business, product, or service. Sponsors receive recognition on the auction site as well as in all of our social media platforms. Auction donors are recognized with the auction items. Please let me know if you have any questions.

St. Philomena School is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and sponsors and donors are entitled to a charitable deduction as allowed by law. **The deadline to be included in the SPLASH Auction is January 26, 2024.**

Through your generous support, you are contributing directly to the success of our auction. On behalf of the students of St. Philomena School, I would like to thank you for your time, consideration, and generosity.

Sincerely,

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