



Greetings Local Business Owner,

Free Horizon Montessori is a Jefferson County public school in Golden, Colorado serving more than 400 students from preschool through 8th grade. Through the Montessori philosophy, our mission is to inspire children to learn and grow as responsible global citizens. We pride ourselves on an ability to provide Montessori education that promotes academic excellence in balance with the rigor of Colorado state standards. Free Horizon Montessori's (FHM) goal is to help children attain high levels of academic, personal, and social achievement so that they may become successful and constructive contributors to our community and society. We are proud to celebrate our 15th year supporting students and families in Jefferson County.

As with all public schools within Jefferson County, Free Horizon Montessori receives an equal amount of funding "per pupil revenue" (PPR) from the Colorado Department of Education. However, as a charter school, FHM must pay for our own facility and capital needs, spending approximately 20% of our total annual budget every year to provide a safe and inspiring space for our students to learn and grow. **To maintain and grow quality programs for our students as we absorb these capital expenses, FHM must raise additional funds every year to close the gap between what is provided by the state and school district and what is required to support the school's programs and commitment to excellence.** We conduct several fundraisers throughout the year for this purpose, the largest of which is the Spring Fling.

FHM's annual Spring Fling fundraiser will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Applewood Golf Course in Golden. In addition to ticket sales, raffles, and other activities, significant portions of the proceeds each year are generated by a silent and live auction and event sponsorships. Merchants like you support these efforts through donated products and services that are auctioned off to the highest bidders at the event. Our goal this year is to raise over \$50,000 to support FHM's students, teachers, and programs. The Spring Fling is only successful through the generous donations of our benefactors - we hope that we can count on this support from you!

We expect more than 200 FHM parents and members of the local community will attend this year's event. All donors and sponsors will be recognized in event marketing materials distributed to hundreds of families, widely circulated school newsletters, the auction catalog, and on auction tables at the event. We hope to see your company's name among our supporters of this most worthy cause. In anticipation of whatever **tax-deductible** donation you can contribute, we have enclosed a donor form to be returned by Friday March 3, 2017 to:

Free Horizon Montessori Foundation
c/o Spring Fling
581 Conference Place
Golden, Colorado 80401

Please make checks payable to: Free Horizon Montessori Foundation

If we can elaborate on any portion of our mission at Free Horizon Montessori, sponsorship opportunities through the Free Horizon Montessori Foundation, or your contribution to the silent auction, please feel free to contact us at 303-668-7173 or via email: springfling@fhmcsn.org. On behalf of FHM's 380 students, thank you very much for your support!

With Best Regards,

Kresta Vuolo
Principal, Free Horizon Montessori

Kara Flatley
Auction Chair, Free Horizon Montessori Foundation
Community Support Network



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Free Horizon Montessori Foundation Annual Spring Fling & Silent Auction

**Saturday, April 22, 2017
The Vista at Applewood Golf Course, Golden, CO**

In-Kind Donation Form

Please complete for all silent auction donations.

Description of Item: _____

Estimated Fair Market Value: \$ _____

Donor's Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date Donated: _____ Received By: _____

Thank you for your donation supporting Free Horizon Montessori School in Golden, Colorado! This receipt is provided to assist you in claiming deductions for charitable contributions.

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Golden, CO 80401
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Please send me an invitation to the event: Yes No