



INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACORN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

March 3rd, 2017

The Acorn, in its 37th year, is a non-profit, tax exempt, educational nursery school offering programs to 140 children from the age of 2 years 8 months old through Kindergarten (age 6). We have one teacher for every five or six children in our classes, which enables us to individualize with the children and ensures a great deal of personal nurturance and enrichment for each child daily.

As a result of our low student/teacher ratio and the high quality of the entire program, The Acorn operates at more than a \$75,000 annual deficit. It is truly a major challenge for an unaffiliated, independent school like ours to raise that much money every year. The Acorn has 501(c)(3) charitable status from the Internal Revenue Service, and we cover our deficit and raise funds through donations from parents, grandparents, and alumni, etc., and especially through our big annual school fundraiser. This year's fundraiser is particularly important since we are also in the midst of a campaign to raise funds for the addition of two more classrooms.

This March 3rd event is our one major fundraiser of the year, and we hope to raise over \$50,000 to help cover our deficit. This celebration will be held at the San Antonio Country Club, featuring tasting of craft beers and wines from various regions around the world, prizes, and a silent auction. We will sell tickets for \$75 each to parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends. Donated items will be featured in our prize drawing, as well as offered on our attractive and enticing silent auction.

The prizes that are donated to The Acorn Fundraiser are so important to its success; they play a big part in attracting people to buy tickets. We publicize the list of prizes and their donors in our newsletters and on our website well in advance of our March party. Each prize receives good exposure during the event, as well as afterwards when the list of winners and high bidders for each prize is publicized. We know that many worthwhile organizations ask for your assistance, and we truly appreciate your consideration of a donation to help our school. Our Acorn parents have been very good about patronizing donors of prizes, since we all appreciate your support. After all, if it weren't for the generosity of the kind people who support The Acorn, the school could never exist.

All prizes donated are, of course, tax deductible. Thank you so much for your consideration.

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