



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACORN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AND DONATION REQUEST

Saturday, March 1, 2025

The Acorn School is proud to be celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> year of preschool and kindergarten education. We are a non-profit, tax-exempt school serving 135 children from the age of 2 years 8 months old through kindergarten (age 6). We have one teacher for every four or five children in preschool and three teachers for twenty children in kindergarten. This low ratio ensures a great deal of personal nurturance and enrichment for each child daily. We bring learning alive by making it fun, interesting, and engaging. Our children quickly learn to love school and love learning!

As a result of our low student/teacher ratio, lots of space per child, and the high quality of the entire program, The Acorn operates at an annual deficit of over \$125,000. The school 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 annual school fundraiser. We are thankful for our community supporters, parents, and families who help our unaffiliated, independent school meet this major challenge in raising funds every year.

This year our "Cheers to 45 Years!" Fundraiser will be at The Acorn on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a fun festival with pony rides, a petting zoo, dunking tank, balloon art twisting, face painting, food booths, entertainment, book walk, salsa contest, and many more family activities. Inside and online, we will have an extensive silent auction for adults, and we wanted to request that you help our school by donating an item to this auction. You can also make an impact by giving a cash donation or providing a gift in-kind to support the fundraiser. All donations are appreciated!

We publicize the list of silent auction items and their donors in our newsletters and on our website in advance of our event. 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 at 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.

Sincerely,

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