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Dear Friend of Mark Twain,

We are writing to invite your participation in an important auction event that will benefit hundreds of diverse public-school children and teachers at Mark Twain Middle School. When most of us were students, we enjoyed art, music and science programs as part of our basic education. Today, with declining state funding, many students do not have access to these important educational experiences.

At Mark Twain Middle School, parent volunteers have rallied to organize our first annual fundraiser to help provide direct funding for these essential programs and services that enrich the education of **all** students in this school community. Your donation to Friends of Mark Twain, the nonprofit fundraising group for Mark Twain Middle School, a Title 1 public LAUSD school, will have a huge impact. Your donation to F.O.M.T. will support: Fine Arts, Physical Education, Restorative Justice, Gardening, Fields Trips, Fun Fridays and Monthly Award Assemblies, as well as many more great programs to come.

This year's silent auction will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022. Auction donors will be recognized at the event, on our website. Your donation will be attractively displayed and promoted at the event. As you might have already imagined, this is a great way to reach new and loyal customers in your community, and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

All donations (geared for parents or kids!) are welcome. Auction item ideas might include:

- **Gift Certificates – Spa & Massages, Retail stores, Salons, Dinners**
- **Celebrity Signed Items, Sports and Entertainment Memorabilia, Signed Scripts**
- **Luxury items & Tech gadgets**
- **Professional Services, private lessons, photography**
- **Vacation Get-Aways – Hotels, Cruises, Airplane Tickets, Rentals**
- **Tickets / Passes – Sporting Events, Shows, Concerts, Film Premieres, Clubs, Set Visits**
- **Gift cards in any denomination**

Please complete the donor form on the reverse and return it to us as soon as possible and remember to make a copy for your tax records. We need to have all items and services pledged to us or in our possession by **Friday, April 2, 2022**. We will be happy to pick up any items you donate. Please feel free to call with any questions or if you would like further information about placing an ad in our catalog or becoming one of our event sponsors.

Thank you so much for your consideration to support students and teachers at Mark Twain Middle School. Your donation to the Auction truly does make a difference, and we are grateful for your involvement.

Sincerely,

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