

# *Save the Date!*



## *Annual Oak Tree Gala Dinner & Auction*

*Friday, February 5th*

*6:30 - 11:30 p.m.*

*San Gabriel Community Center*

Mark your calendars for Community Montessori School's largest event of the year! At the Oak Tree Gala Dinner & Auction CMS families and supporters come together for an evening of fun and build relationships while benefitting the school. The evening will include a full-course meal, a cash bar, entertainment, live and silent auctions and a fantastic student art gallery. Proceeds benefit the Rebecca Lowe Scholarship Foundation.

To make this event a success we need your help. There are many ways you can contribute:

1. **Attend!** Put the date on your calendar now. Tickets will cost \$50 per person.
2. **Invite!** Invite your friends, neighbors, parents, coworkers and alumnae. This is a great way to bring new families to our community and raise money for our school.
3. **Sponsor!** Do you own your own business and want to promote to other CMS families? Does your company have a fundraising budget? We have several levels of sponsorship at affordable rates. Tables are already being sold and limited in availability so reserve yours soon.
4. **Donate an Auction Item!** We are currently requesting donations for our live and silent auctions. Please think about your resources as well as those of your friends for items or services that can be donated. Some examples include vacation packages, sports/event tickets, photography services, yoga classes, personal training, or any other professional services and items.
5. **Host a party!** There is no party book fundraiser this year but in the past they have been a tremendous success and lots of fun. This year we'd like to come up with 3- 4 parties to add to the auction. This would be great way to get with other families and offer a group dinner package, a birthday party package, etc.
6. **Classroom Baskets!** Each classroom will select a theme and gather items for a basket. The retail value of these baskets is typically \$500 or more and is a great source of revenue for the event. In order to make these baskets spectacular we need families to participate by adding appropriate items or making a financial contribution.
7. **Shop and Bid!** We will have many different items up for bidding, including artwork by each class community. You will also have the opportunity to purchase your child's individual artwork.
8. **Volunteer!** We need your time, experience, and manpower. Join our committee, offer to do small tasks at home or join us to set up or tear down.

Finally, all help is greatly appreciated. If you already know how you want to contribute please contact Alison Luevano at [alisonhovanec@aol.com](mailto:alisonhovanec@aol.com). Remember, this is our main fundraiser and it is for the students!