

SPIRITRIDGE ELEMENTARY PTSA



Dear Friends of Spiritridge Elementary,

Spiritridge Elementary School is an outstanding public school located in Southeast Bellevue, Washington. Our school serves nearly 300 K-5 students that come from diverse cultural, economic and educational backgrounds. The Spiritridge parents and school staff strive to provide the highest quality education to all of our students. However, as you are probably aware, the basic educational funding received from our state simply doesn't provide for many important, basic educational programs and items needed to support our children.

In response, our PTSA raises money to provide enrichment programs such as field trips, visiting science demonstrations, visiting poets, visiting authors, and educational assemblies as well as miscellaneous computer and classroom equipment. We also fund a Literacy Facilitator and two teacher aides.

Each year, with support from businesses like yours, we hold an auction to raise money to fund our educational enrichment programs. Our 2009 fundraising auction, "*Lasso the Stars*" will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Bellevue on March 27, 2009. This year, our goal is to raise \$60,000 from this event so that we will be able to continue to support these enrichment programs. We hope we can count on you to help the Spiritridge 2009 Auction successfully reach this goal.

You can show your support in one of the following ways:

- **Donate a top quality item or service** we can auction (a tangible item, gift certificates, or service);
- **Purchase an advertisement** in the Auction Catalog; or
- **Make a cash donation** (helps to complete gift packages or underwrite auction expenses)

Your generous contribution will allow us to maintain our goal of serving our students while also providing a cost-effective means of advertising your business, and the value of your donation is tax-deductible. Spiritridge PTSA is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your company will be publicized and recognized for its commitment to enhancing your community and the education of its children. Not only will we promote your business in our auction catalog and on display during the auction, but we will also advertise your business in our school flyers and email newsletters. Your donation will be recognized by more than the 250 auction participants, but also by the nearly 250 families in our school community.

Please take the time to fill out the enclosed procurement form and return it before February 27, 2009. We would be happy to pick up any donation. Please contact us at 425-643-1949 or auction@spiritridge.org. Or you may mail your contribution to:

Spiritridge Elementary PTSA
Attn: Procurement Chair - Ken Pietz
16401 SE 24th Street
Bellevue, WA 98008

We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to publicize your business while supporting a local school's efforts. We know that you may receive many requests for donations and are sincerely grateful for your consideration! The children and parents of Spiritridge Elementary thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you and including your name in the auction catalog as a much-appreciated supporter of Spiritridge!

Best Regards,

Susie Pietz, VP of Fundraising