



November 1, 2014

Dear Friends of OCAF,

The Orcutt Children's Arts Foundation (OCAF) is dedicated to providing visual and performing arts programs and education for just over 5,000 students of the elementary, Junior High and High Schools in the Orcutt Union School District (OUSD).

The annual Gala is our major fundraising event of the year. The dinner and auction will take place on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at the Santa Maria Country Club. Please consider a donation of an item or service to help make the event a success.

Proceeds from the Gala support the Artist-in-Residence program where students in kindergarten through 6th grade receive 8 classes of visual or performing arts instruction, Teacher Mini-Grants - which help educators keep art in education within their classrooms, live theatre experience at the PCPA for junior high students, and the K-6 after-school strings program - an introduction to string instruments.

Keeping art in education is our mission and it has never been more important. The children in our district today will be the leaders, business owners, and educators of the future. The benefits of art in education enhance more than just intrinsic appreciation of the arts. Life skills such as collaboration, communication and creativity can be developed while learning about the arts.

Thanks to the tremendous support of our community, the 2014 Gala raised nearly \$40,000 for the enhancement of art in the schools. With your support, we plan to have an equally successful event in order to maximize the depth of our programs, and to increase exposure to the many facets of art for our students.

A donation form is enclosed for your convenience. We will follow up with this letter in the upcoming months. Should you choose to donate, we can arrange for pick-up of your donated item or service certificate.

Your donation counts! You can help OCAF reach the goal of keeping the arts in schools! Together we can continue offering quality programs that inspire learning and cultural enlightenment!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison Smith".

Allison Smith, OCAF Vice President, 2015 Gala Chair

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