Dear Community Partner,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the **Gilbert FFA.**

## Gilbert FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success through agricultural education. Gilbert FFA members rise to the challenge of service embracing members of all walks of life united through FFA.

Future Farmers of America was founded by a group of young farmers in 1928. Their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population. They taught us agriculture is more than planting and harvesting - it's a science, it's a business and it's an art. **Gilbert FFA** continues to help meet those challenges, helping its members to develop their own unique talents by exploring their interests in a broad range of agricultural career pathways. Today, we are still the Future Farmers of America, but, we are also the Future Biologists, Chemists, Veterinarians, Engineers and Entrepreneurs of America. **We are Gilbert FFA.**

## **Gilbert FFA Alumni volunteers** have helped support Gilbert FFA for more than 40 years and remains a critical part of its success. We are committed to keeping agricultural education and the FFA programs an integral part of Gilbert High School. Gilbert FFA relies on its Alumni to garner support from our local communities to raise funds for chapter activities, college scholarships, camps, leadership conferences, and career development events while ensuring Gilbert FFA continues year after year.

FFA programs are funded through sponsorships and individual donations at the local, state and national levels but mostly from generous Community Partners like you. **At a minimum operating budget** it cost $10,000 per year to operate Gilbert FFA. This year we would like to increase college scholarships, purchase more FFA Jackets for students who cannot afford them, help more students attend events, and invest in our Animal Lab, Ag Processing Lab, and Ag Engineering Lab. This investment will help current and future students with continued success.

To make our dream a reality we are reaching out directly to Community Partners like you in hopes you will take this opportunity to help us by making a **tax deductible donation\*\*.**

Please take a moment to consider donating to Gilbert FFA. You can visit [www.gilbertffa.com](http://www.gilbertffa.com) to make your donation online, send a check directly to Gilbert FFA Alumni or provide items of value like gift cards or products to be used in auctions.

Attached is our projected budget, operating expense and short fall. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Gilbert FFA Alumni

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For questions or more information, please contact

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| **Budget 2016- 2017**  | **Cost**  | ***Quantity*** | **Total Estimate**  |
| Scholarships  | $1,500.00  | 6 | $9,000.00  |
| Local Career Development Events | $100.00  | 5 | $500.00  |
| Travel Career Development Events | $100.00  | 5 | $500.00  |
| FFA Jackets  | $65.00  | 15 | $975.00  |
| Maricopa County Fair  | $500.00  | 1 | $500.00  |
| Travel Expenses In-state including room, board, gas and vehicle | $500.00  | 5 | $2,500.00  |
| Travel Expenses Out of -state including room, board, gas and vehicle  | $2,000.00  | 3 | $6,000.00  |
| Animal Science Lab | $1,700.00  | 1 | $1,000.00  |
| Ag Processing Lab | $1,000.00  | 1 | $1,000.00  |
| Ag Engineering Lab | $1,000.00  | 1 | $1,000.00  |
| Officer Leadership Team Building events  | $100.00  | 1 | $100.00  |
| Year End Awards, Plaques, Pins  | $30.00  | 100 | $3,000.00  |
| Website fees | $200.00  | 1 | $200.00  |
| Fund raising expenses, fees | $500.00  | 1 | $500.00  |
| Misc. Supplies -Printing, advertising | $1,000.00  | 1 | $1,000.00  |
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| **Total**  |   |  | **$27,775.00**  |
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| **Revenue Source Estimates** | **Amount**  | **Frequency**  | **Total**  |
| Silent Auctions | $2,100.00 | 1 | $2,100.00  |
| Cash Donations for the Year | $2,800.00 | 1 | $2,800.00  |
| Home Coming Treats | $500.00 | 1 | $500.00  |
| Balloon Bust | $500.00 | 1 | $500.00  |
| Hog Drawing | $400.00 | 1 | $400.00  |
| Steak Fry | $1,000.00 | 1 | $1,000.00  |
| FFA Logo Item Sale  | $1,400.00 | 1 | $1,400.00  |
| FFA Winner Tree  | $3,000.00 | 1 | $3,000.00  |
| Beef Jerky Sales  | $1,000.00 | 1 | $1,000.00  |
| 2017 Guaranteed Corporate Donations  | $2,000.00 | 1 | $2,000.00  |
| **Total**  |  |  | **$14,700.00**  |
| **Operating Shortfall**  |   |   | **$13,075.00**  |