



**Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy**  
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Dear Business Owner,

I am writing on behalf of the students of Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, a public elementary school located in the Castro District of San Francisco. Our Parent Faculty Club is sponsoring its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction and Carnival to be held on March 15, 2008 from 12noon to 5pm. I would like to invite you to attend our community fundraiser and hope that you will consider donating an item or gift certificate. With the support of community members like you, we were able to raise over \$20,000 in last year's Silent Auction. All proceeds from our Silent Auctions go towards Outdoor Education Programs (including 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camping Trips), Classroom Enrichment Projects, Kindergarten Support Staff, Library Support, School Wide Events, Teacher Development, and much more.

Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy is a small public alternative school with our student body and faculty reflecting the many diverse communities that make up San Francisco. We have been highlighted in several publications, including San Francisco Magazine and George Magazine, as one of the city's "best kept secrets" in public education. Our mission is to empower learners by teaching tolerance and non-violence, achieving academic excellence, celebrating our diversity, and building a strong family-school-community connection.

In the past, local businesses have donated various products such as food, wine, art, videos, spa services and gift certificates. Last year over 1,500 people made up of parents, friends, neighbors, and members of our community participated in our fundraiser. All donations will be posted on our web site ([www.harveymilk.com](http://www.harveymilk.com)) including a link to your web site, which will be viewed by supporters of our event as well as the general public.

On behalf of the Parent Faculty Club, I appreciate your consideration of a donation. Your donation is tax deductible, #94-0461700. Please join us in this community partnership that will make a crucial difference for the children and parents of San Francisco, who still believe in the power of public education!

Please contact the school at (415) 241-6276 with any questions you may have. And, don't forget to come by on March 15<sup>th</sup> and pick up a great deal for yourself while supporting a great cause!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sande Leigh".

Sande Leigh  
Principal