



Dear Friend and Community Partners,

On behalf of the entire Explorer Elementary Charter School community, we are writing to ask for your support for our largest annual fundraiser, our silent and live auction entitled Art from the Heart. Our event this year will be held on March 18, 2011. We know that you are undoubtedly approached by many organizations but we ask that you please give our school special consideration for a gift of goods, services, or underwriting. Explorer Elementary is a public charter school and thus, our budgetary needs are greater than most. Unlike other public schools, many of our expenses like rent and building improvements are not covered by the school district. The money we do receive from the district falls short by \$1100.00 per student of the annual cost to educate our 324 children. We cover the \$356,400 annual deficiency through parent donations and fundraising activities. Your donation would be well received and very much appreciated!

Our school was founded ten years ago with the vision of a social-emotional curriculum and academic success for every child. Our mission statement is, "To create thoughtful, empathic learners who understand the full meaning of the power of compassionate human interaction". We are recognized as one of the best and most innovative elementary schools in San Diego County with a waiting list of over 1000 children. Our achievements include the following:

- Our students, who reside throughout San Diego County, have consistently performed above average on the California standardized tests.
- Designated a California Distinguished School
- Awarded "Best Academic Practice School" by the Urban League.

Every community contribution, whether large or small, truly makes a difference for our school. We are a 501(c) (3) non-profit, non-denominational corporation and your gift is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our Tax ID number is #: 33-082-7996. Our sincere thanks to those of you who have given in the past as well to our new supporters. If you should have any questions please feel free to call Danielle Adler (858-952-6304) or Sharon Mayer (619-248-9858).

Best Wishes,

Danielle Adler and Sharon Mayer
Donations Co-Chairs
Art from the Heart 2011