



November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Community Member:

Learning Gate Community School is a charter school located on a 30-acre site in Lutz, Florida. The focus of our school is to promote environmental awareness with the students and families who attend our beautiful school of choice. The teachers at Learning Gate use nature for every aspect of their curriculum and incorporate project-based lessons where the children can learn through doing. We are proud to have received an A rating by the Florida Department of Education based on our students' testing scores. This proves the students excel in this environment and have fun while learning.

Originally a private school, Learning Gate received charter status from Hillsborough County, Florida in 2000. Like all charter schools, we are limited to the funding we receive and, each year, we see a decrease in our distributed funds. Learning Gate depends largely on community and parent resources to supplement the needs of the school which is why **Learning Gate Community School will be holding its 6th Annual Casino Night & Silent Auction at The Carrollwood Cultural Center on, Saturday, February 20th, 2010. Fully 100% of the proceeds from this year's event will benefit our students.**

Finally, the reason for this letter to you is to graciously ask if you would be interested in donating in any way to this worthwhile venture. **We are looking for auction items, raffle prizes or gift certificates.** However you decide to support this event, we genuinely thank you in advance for your consideration. We will be highlighting all items received to advertise your company. We are happy to pick up anything you are able to provide. Learning Gate Community School is a not-for-profit 501 C (3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible. The below information is provided for your records. If you are mailing items please send them to:

Attn. Michele Northrup  
Learning Gate Community School  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 948-4190 or refer to our website at [www.learninggate.org](http://www.learninggate.org) for more information on this event as well as the school. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

With much appreciation;

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