



Edmonds-Woodway High School Music Booster Club
7600 212th Street SW
Edmonds, WA 98026

Dear Business Owner:

Thank you for your generous contribution to last spring's benefit auction for the Edmonds-Woodway High School music programs. With your help, we were able to gross \$13,000 for our young musicians — essential funds that pay for music, travel expenses and student scholarships. We hope that we can count on your help again this year.

The Edmonds-Woodway High School Music Booster Club is pleased to announce next spring's **GALA DINNER AND AUCTION on Friday, March 21, 2008** at the Edmonds Community College Triton Union Building. Musicians from Edmonds-Woodway will perform throughout the evening. We anticipate that over 300 people will attend this event, and we are once again seeking donations of goods and services from area businesses for sale at the auction.

The Booster Club's purpose is to support Edmonds-Woodway's music department staff and students, raise supplementary funds to benefit the department, and provide scholarships for student musicians. In addition, we want to promote, in Edmonds and surrounding communities, awareness of the program and opportunities to hear quality music performed by our students.

This year, some 280 young people are participating in Edmonds-Woodway's concert bands, choirs, orchestras and jazz bands. Studies have shown that student participation in music programs correlates with higher academic achievement, better SAT scores and greater resistance to drug and alcohol use. Music education also fosters discipline, motivation and teamwork.

CORPORATE DONATIONS: Your business can also sponsor music at the auction. **\$300 pays for a live set of music** to be played by one of our big-band jazz groups at the auction. **Sponsors will receive two tickets to the event** (a \$70 value), plus a business-card-sized ad in the auction program, a thank you in the school newsletter, a listing as a sponsor on our website and a display on our big screen during the auction slide show.

We know you receive many requests for donations. Thank you for considering ours. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, Tax ID# 91-1226385. A donation of merchandise, gift certificates, tickets or services will be tax deductible as permitted by law and will help to ensure continued quality music education at our school. We will contact you in the next few days to follow up on this request.

We also hope you will join us on March 21st, for a fun-filled evening of big band music, delicious food and exciting bidding. An invitation and reservation form is included.

Sincerely,

Julie Wentzel
Auction Chair

For more information about the auction, please call me at (425) 478-4099 or e-mail me at skinsolutions1@yahoo.com, For questions regarding donations, call David Miller at 425-280-6545 or e-mail him at davidmiller@seattletimes.com.