

Dear Community Supporter,

It's auction time for Friends of Walgrove (FOW), the booster organization for Walgrove Elementary School, a public elementary school serving the Venice and Mar Vista communities. Our annual online auction will kick off in March and we're looking for local businesses who want to support our fundraising efforts while also promoting their businesses! Through our auction, FOW will promote your brand, products & services to our large community of bidders, both within our community and beyond.

Because of our collective heartbreak over the devastation caused by the Wildfires in LA, our auction will also support one of our sister LAUSD Westside Elementary schools, Marquez Elementary, that was lost in the fire. FOW will be sharing half of the proceeds of our online auction with Friends of Marquez\*, so your donation will help support students from 2 local public schools!

There are many ways to support our fundraising efforts - you could consider donating an item from inventory or a gift card for an item or service - whatever you give will be included in our online auction and/or at our annual live auction party. **FOW** is a non-profit 501(c)(3)organization, so your donation is tax deductible.

Walgrove is a place where the whole community works together to provide our students an extraordinary "whole child" education and a place to thrive. FOW raises funds to support enrichment programs that go above and beyond the standard LAUSD curriculum – programs focused on the arts and outdoors that set Walgrove apart from other schools. FOW raises for:

- Outdoor Education, which engages all students at least weekly in the Wildlands, our one-acre native garden, and in our organic edible garden and orchard where students plant, grow, harvest, prepare and eat organic veggies. We have chickens too!
- **PS Arts & Musical Theater** programs, led by the PS Arts organization, provide weekly theater to all students, as well as a Spring musical, led by professional artists who help our students gain confidence and .
- STEAM Studio, led by two local artists who are also former Walgrove parents, is a weekly hands-on
  interdisciplinary program allowing students to create, imagine, experiment, and learn using a variety of
  materials.
- Free yearbooks for all students, Teacher and Staff Appreciation, and so much more!

We all know that it truly "takes a village" to raise and educate our children and that when the neighborhood school thrives, we all thrive. We hope you will join in the effort because great schools are everybody's business!

If you can provide a donation for our auction, please complete the auction donation form and email it to <a href="mailto:auction@friendsofwalgrove.com">auction@friendsofwalgrove.com</a> by February 28, 2025. The form contains additional information on receiving donations (including local pickup). Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Kind regards, Friends of Walgrove

All proceeds benefit Walgrove Avenue Elementary School I Friends of Walgrove Tax ID#: 23-7381480 Friends of Walgrove is an independent booster club for Walgrove Avenue Elementary School. All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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\*Note: FOW will share funds after the auction separately, so your donation is associated with FOW only