



Big City Parents Organization  
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Dear Community Business Owner,

Big City Montessori School is the oldest family-owned and operated preschool in San Francisco. We believe that quality education is the foundation for our community. However, our commitment to offer quality education to all children and to embrace diversity in our Big City family has come face-to-face with considerable challenge. Big City Montessori School has a long-standing relationship with Children's Council of San Francisco (CCSF), which provides assistance to foster and welfare parents for their children's education. But, because of state budget cut-backs, funding from CCSF has dropped over the last few years. The Big City Parents Organization (BCPO) was formed to raise scholarship funds to supplement CCSF vouchers — to bridge the gap between funding still available from CCSF and the actual cost of tuition.

**100% of all donations are used to bridge the tuition gap for CCSF students.**

**100% of all donations are tax-deductible.**

**All donors' business names will be included in our auction catalog, school website and school lobby for exposure to 100 families and friends.**

There are two ways you can offer your support:

- 1. Give a gift of goods or services to the Scholarship Gala 2010.** The event's highlights are the silent and live auctions where guests will bid on the item(s) you donate. To keep our out-of-pocket expenses minimal, we also welcome donations of food and beverages for our event on May 15, 2010.
- 2. Make a cash donation to directly sponsor a child's education.** We appreciate any amount, but encourage giving \$100 - \$500, or more if you are able. Every dollar that you donate helps to provide the nurturing, education, and stability that each child deserves. Our goal this year is to raise between \$30,000-35,000 — enough to fulfill five scholarships.

We urge you to consider the profound difference your donation can make in the life of a young child — the future of our community. Budget cuts have limited state funding; these families need your support now more than ever. To donate, please fill out the enclosed form and return it with your **tax-deductible** donation to **BCPO; 240 Industrial Street; San Francisco, CA 94124** no later than **March 31, 2010**.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Most Sincerely,

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