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February 25, 2021

Dear Community Partner,

We hope this letter finds you safe and healthy during these difficult times. My name is Maria Johnson, and I am the Director of Development for Morning Star School. As a past supporter, you may remember that we are a non-profit, special education school serving children in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade with learning differences and intellectual challenges such as ADHD, Autism, and Intellectual and Developmental disabilities. Our team works hard to support and bring community awareness to our school and I am so grateful for the role you've played in helping us in the past. We are reaching out to ask for your help with item donations for our two fundraising events in 2021. These events were cancelled last year due to COVID and affected our fundraising goals greatly.

As a business and community leader, you know how costly large initiatives like ours can be. With your connections, resources, and incredible history of charity work, I know that together we can make a huge difference. Our first event is our annual Golf Tournament on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at San Jose Country Club and the second is our annual Auction and Gala in October. Silent auctions are a great way to engage guest and maximize revenue for our school. As guests arrive and begin bidding, a fun and competitive environment develops. Our events would not be complete without a few tables filled with exciting auction packages. Items such as travel and dining experiences, sporting event tickets, beauty and spa, sports memorabilia/items, music and entertainment, family outings, technology, gift baskets, jewelry and high-end items are just a few ideas. No item is too small or too large. We will put anything you provide to good use.

**Would you consider helping us? It's been a tough year for our school, and we need your help more than ever. You can play a huge part in helping us have successful events.**

Morning Star School would also love to have you at our events! Registration for our golf tournament can be found at <http://morningstar-jax.org/golf-tournament>. Attached is silent auction donation form for you to review.

All donors are featured in promotional materials, event programs, our website, social media, and at the event. Donations are tax deductible and Morning Star School will provide a tax donation letter/receipt. Please complete the donation form attached or call me directly at (904) 962-5080 or email [development@morningstar-jax.org](mailto:development@morningstar-jax.org).

If you would like to learn more about our school, please visit our web site at [www.morningstar-jax.org](http://www.morningstar-jax.org). Thank you for considering our request and for supporting our school! I hope to hear from you soon.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Maria Johnson, Director of Development