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Dear Community Supporter,

Each spring, the Board of Golden Gate Philharmonic (GGP) hosts an annual gala to raise money to sustain our youth music education program that benefits children from all backgrounds in the Bay Area. Our 2017-18 Season Gala will once again take place in spring and we once again turn to our community to support our efforts. Specifically, we are seeking sponsors, donations of goods, services, and gift certificates from merchants in our community to underwrite the event and to use in our silent and live auctions.

Golden Gate Philharmonic is a San Francisco-based string youth orchestra dedicated to music education for all students, with particular outreach to those students with no or limited access to music education through their schools. Similar to a conservatory, GGP offers an integrated program of orchestra, sectional coaching, theory and chamber music groups by professional musicians. The orchestra typically numbers approximately 100 students, with ages spanning grades K-12 from 40 Bay Area schools. Our founder and executive director, Joan Murray, created this nationally recognized program in 1995 and because of her many years of volunteer service to San Francisco has won the prestigious Jefferson Award for community service.

Any child wishing to learn a string instrument is welcomed. GGP procures instruments for children, provide orchestra and chamber group education, and helps them afford private lessons, if that is what is needed.

Please make tax deductible donation to the GGP gala, and in doing so, support this wonderful San Francisco community. The silent auction catalog will be emailed to 1,000 households and we traditionally have 175 bidders. We will be using our website, Twitter, and Facebook in addition to email to advertise the gala and thank supporters.

GGP is a non-profit organization; IRS tax ID # 11-3740581. If you have any questions, please email gala@ggph.org or call 415-294-0656

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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