



January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Peter's:

This school year has started off incredibly well and I hope you will join me in saying thank you to the amazing staff and faculty that make our school the wonderful environment it is. I know we will continue to grow and more importantly thrive under Mrs. Preston's leadership.

Our Annual School Auction is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. It will be held in the gorgeous setting of the Capital City Club. Located at the corner of Assembly and Gervais, opposite the State House, it is on the 25<sup>th</sup> floor of the tallest building in Columbia.

Being a Members Only Club, not many Columbians have the opportunity to attend an event here. Typically the rental fee is \$1000. However a set of wonderful parents have graciously donated the cost of the rental to the Auction! If you have never experienced a night in this setting or seen the city from this vantage point, then you absolutely must take advantage of this evening. P.S. Free covered parking is offered inside the building.

This year our Auction is themed POT o' GOLD and our goal is to raise \$30,000 to benefit the children. We chose this name because through the ministry we want to guide the children in finding their personal rainbow and succeed in finding their own pot of gold. Providing a solid foundation to our children in their formative years by attendance at St. Peter's, will give them the inspiration to be successful both in their personal and professional lives.

I was reading a book by the Dalai Lama, who talked about Community. He said "it is important to stay connected to those around you". In today's busy society we are more apt to post our daily occurrences on Facebook and Twitter than share them face-to-face with those we pass in the school halls each day, where we all share a common thread.

When my family and I moved to Columbia and to the community of St. Peter's School 3 ½ years ago, I was thrilled to finally feel like a part of a community. I was joyfully welcomed with open arms. Thank you to those of you who embraced us. I am reaching out to you today in the spirit of building on the strength of our community and asking you to support our POT O' GOLD Auction. There are so many ways to be involved:

*Baskets – Do you have any you can donate to the auction? We can use them to create lovely gifts for people to bid on. Send them my way or leave them in the office marked to the attention of 'Auction Committee'.*

*Sponsorships – Are you able to sponsor a band member for the night? Maybe your company can sponsor a portion of the food? Can you sponsor the beverages? Can you pay for the printing of the Auction flyers? You will receive a tax deduction letter for your donation.*

*Services – Do you have your own business OR are you a talented artist, scrap booker, painter or handyman? Are you a travel agent? Are you a mechanic? Great, then we can use your help in donating an item for the auction.*



Experiences – Do you work somewhere that has caché? Would you be able to donate a tour of your office, lunch with the Mayor, cocktails with the Curator? You get the idea. If you have this type of connection we would love to see you offer it at the school auction.

Vacation Homes or Rentals – Everybody loves to get away, and if you have a place you can offer the Auction, all the better! You will receive a tax deduction letter for your donation.

Monetary Donations – We are happy to accept all cash donations. We will put them to good use! Please make your check out to St. Peter's PTO and in the comment section write 'AUCTION'. You will receive a tax deduction letter for your donation.

Restaurants - Do you eat at a local restaurant every week? That may be a great place for you to secure a donation. Being a good patron has its perks.

Ticket Sales – Buy tickets for your family and of course invite everyone you know to attend. Reaching out to people who are in your intimate circle is the best way to promote this event.

Host a Party – Who doesn't love to attend a party? I sure do. When you host a party you are offering a great gift to the auction. Consider a Taco Party, a Curry Night, a BBQ, a Pasta Party, even a Birthday Party. The parties do not have to be huge. Anything from 8 + people is a great event. Sponsoring this type of event is always appreciated.

Stumped – Are you not sure what you would like to give, or simply don't have time to get around to it? We all know that feeling, so we have made it easy for you by creating a wish list on Amazon.com. Simply go to Amazon.com, click on the tab **Gift & Wish List**, then type in [mercy1122@hotmail.com](mailto:mercy1122@hotmail.com) and you will see there is a '**Wish List**' called POT OF GOLD AUCTION. All items shown are available for purchase. They will be shipped to the school and listed in the Auction brochure for people to bid on. This is a great way for your friends and family who don't live in town to support the school. You or they will receive a tax deduction letter for the donation.

If you have been a member of the community and hesitated to join in, PLEASE let me ask you to step forward now. We need you; the children need you. My goal is to have 100% participation from our parent body. Your participation is the key to the event's success.

Please contact me at [orange@sc.rr.com](mailto:orange@sc.rr.com) with your response on how you wish to participate. A signup sheet accompanies this letter. Please use it.

Together, we can make this event a success!

Regards,

*Mercy*

Mercy Tate  
Auction Chair & Proud Mother of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader  
409-9390



NAME	CHILD(ren) in GRADE	CONTACT PHONE or EMAIL
1.		
2.		
3.		

Dear Mercy:

I am committed to assisting the school in reaching its goal of \$30,000 for the children of St. Peter's Catholic School. I am able to donate the following to the overall success of the Pot o' Gold Auction.

Regards,

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?	PLEASE DESCRIBE IN DETAIL	
I can donate baskets		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I can donate a service		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I can donate new items		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I can sponsor food / beverages		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I can host a party		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I will make a cash donation		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I will buy something from Amazon		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I will procure items from local businesses		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I can offer a unique experience		YES <input type="checkbox"/>
I have something AMAZING to offer!		YES <input type="checkbox"/>