A NIGHT FOR THE OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE SCHOOL †

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Dear Friends:

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Our Lady of the Wayside School is proud to announce our largest school fundraiser, *A Night for the Blue & White*, on Saturday, February 23, 2019. On this evening we are reminded that we are one community focused on giving our children the best educational experience possible. While our dedicated families work together toward achieving this goal, we also ask for help and support from local businesses and individuals within our community.

The money raised at the OLW Gala is used to fund vital Family & School Association programs that support OLW students and teachers and the OLW School Annual Fund. Through the generosity of last year's Gala donors we transformed our outdated library into a multi-purpose room complete with new flooring, furniture, and a much-needed storage space. This new room is used as a cafeteria for grade school students and a meeting space for parish and school groups. These donations also helped fund every 6th grade student with his/her own iPad for schoolwork, which they will use through eighth grade. In addition, we were able to contract a school social worker that comes twice a week, turn two classrooms into a new library/resource space and update some of our school offices. Furthermore, these donations helped cover the costs of field trips, cultural assemblies, and the maintenance of the school's technology resources. These are just a few examples of how important your donations are for the success of our students.

We are reaching out to you for assistance for the 2019 Gala. Monetary donations will help us reach our goal, but please consider donating your time, services, or goods as well. The attached Sponsorship & Donation Opportunities sheet outlines different ways you can help. All sponsors and donors will be listed in our Gala Event Book, which is distributed to nearly 350 Gala attendees. The Sponsorship & Donation Opportunities sheet details the different benefits at each donation level. Please know that no donation is too small; every donation helps our students.

Our children are the foundation of this great community. Their success is due, in part, from the love, support, and encouragement they receive from the people who believe in them. We truly appreciate the support of our area partners who embrace this mission. We thank you in advance for supporting our efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions at olwblueandwhitegala@gmail.com.

All our best,

Tracey Dolsen, Feliza Gauthier, Rachel Mortellaro, Christa Schermerhorn Co-chairs 2019 OLW Annual Gala

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