



To Whom It May Concern:

University School of the Lowcountry is a co-educational, non-sectarian, non-profit independent school with tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status. Currently offering grades 3-8, it is located in Mount Pleasant and serves the metro Charleston area. University School families come from across the Lowcountry: Charleston, Daniel Island, Folly Beach, Isle of Palms, James Island, Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, Sullivan's Island, and West Ashley.

On February 4, 2012, University School will hold its Annual Auction, and the proceeds will go to support University School's mission. USL receives no financial support from local, state or federal governments, and, like most successful independent schools, relies on annual giving to cover operating expenses.

University School of the Lowcountry aspires to be an uplifting presence in our community. Through many forms of service, education, and outreach, USL develops leaders who have first-hand knowledge of the resources in and challenges facing our community and world. USL maintains relationships and shares activities with Windwood Farm Home for Boys, Moultrie Middle School, Christ Our King-Stella Maris, Montessori of Mount Pleasant, Charleston-area homeschool families, Sweetgrass Assisted Living Village, and others. Students learn Latin, Spanish, and Mandarin, and weekly field learning experiences enable them to acquire knowledge and skills experientially from area experts. This includes extensive study of the ethnic and religious diversity that the Lowcountry features. USL also fills a community need for a school designed for high-achieving students, and it operates in a manner that makes its programs available to many. For example, USL's prudent financial model has enabled us to keep the same tuition for three straight years, with only a modest increase for 2011-2012. Furthermore, our student population is diverse in many ways (economically, ethnically, and in terms of faith) and approximately 25% of the student population receives financial assistance.

We are asking local businesses to donate goods and services to be auctioned off that evening. All interested businesses, foundations, families and individuals are invited to contribute through their time, their talents and their donations. The funds raised from the auction will be used to help University School realize the promise of its mission. All supporters of the USL community are invited to join us for the End of Year Celebration in May 2012.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Your generosity is crucial in helping University School, and sustaining a school with these principles is only possible because of thoughtful support from people like you.

Sincerely,

Jason Kreutner
Head of School

University School of the Lowcountry is committed to its growth as an institution that welcomes and values a diversified school community. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, religion, economic background, or any other classification protected by law in the administration of its educational policies, financial assistance policies, or any other school policy or program.

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