



**St. Raphael School
1513 Dunster Road
Rockville, MD 20854**

January 7, 2019

Dear Valued Community Member/Business Owner:

Preparations are underway at St. Raphael School and Nursery School for our annual fundraiser, and we would like to ask you for your support. The week of March 11, we will launch our first online auction in conjunction with our annual SpringFest event, scheduled for March 16. SpringFest is a community gathering where faculty, parents of St. Raphael School and Nursery School, parishioners, and our neighbors come together in support of our students. Each year, we rely on donations of merchandise and gift certificates for the popular silent and live auction.

The support and contributions of local and national businesses have always made our fundraisers a huge success, raising much-needed funds for our tuition-assistance program as well as for classroom improvements. This year, our nursery school celebrates 50 years of educating children from Rockville and the surrounding cities. The impact of your donation will directly help families in our community.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our fundraising efforts. We will be acknowledging donors on the event website, and those who contribute an item or a monetary donation of \$500 or more will get a dedicated mention on our popular Facebook page, as well as recognition in the parish bulletin the weekend of March 23. As a supporter of St. Raphael School, we will promote all business donors in two weekly newsletters to our Pre-K to Grade 8 parents, encouraging them to patronize your business.

For your convenience, I have included our tax-exempt number below. We are deeply grateful for the support of all our generous donors. Please don't hesitate to contact an auction volunteer with any questions.

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Sincerely yours,

Teri Dwyer
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