

Dear Friends and Supporters of Explorer West Middle School:

As providers of outstanding education programs for nearly 20 years, Explorer West Middle School is proud to announce our 2015 *Power the Future* Auction. We hope your business will support our auction. Your generosity makes a huge difference and is greatly appreciated.

Explorer West offers rigorous academics and a diverse range of enrichment programs in a supportive educational environment. Located in West Seattle, the school's nationally recognized sustainability and outdoor education programs inspire students to learn how they can positively impact their environment and community. Our students "give back" by participating in mentoring programs, trail restoration projects across the state, volunteering at local food banks and many other important community involvement activities.

Our annual auction, to be held this year on March 20, 2015, at the Hall at Fauntleroy here in Seattle, is a vital fund-raising event that helps keep tuition affordable, enhances learning programs, and continues to provide financial assistance to deserving students.

Some special things about Explorer West:

- Our students come to us from 36 different schools in the Seattle area and beyond.
- 38 percent of our students are of color as well as 35 percent of our faculty and staff.
- Explorer West provides significant financial aid to approximately 30 percent of its students.

More than 230 people attend the auction, including parents, alumni, and many community members from around the Puget Sound area. We list our donors in the auction directory and on the school website to give you great visibility for your support, which the entire community is extremely grateful to receive. Here's how you can help:

1. Donate a service, product or item to the 2015 Power The Future Auction no later than February 13, 2015 in order to be included in our catalog.
2. Advertise in our 2015 Power The Future Auction catalog.
3. Offer a one-time financial gift or matching gift.

For questions and if you would like to send a donation directly to Explorer West please contact:

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Explorer West is a non-profit organization, so your donation/gift is tax deductible. The school's 501(c)(3) tax ID number is: 91-1705420.

You can be certain that your donation will make a difference in the lives of Explorer West students and our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Sincerely,

The 2015 Explorer West Auction Committee