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Dear Friend of Montessori,

The American Montessori Society (AMS) and the Association of Illinois Montessori Schools (AIMS) are excited to announce their partnership in hosting the 2016 AMS Annual Conference Gala: Sweet Home Chicago. The Gala will take place on Friday, March 11th at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. We guarantee it's an event you won't want to miss.

The American Montessori Society (AMS) is the foremost advocate for high quality Montessori education – an innovative, child-centered, research-based approach to teaching and learning. A national, not-for-profit organization, with nearly 13,000 schools, teacher education programs and teacher members worldwide, AMS promotes and supports Montessori education in both public and independent schools.

The Association of Illinois Montessori Schools (AIMS) provides a professional membership organization to support and sustain high quality Illinois Montessori Schools. AIMS provides advocacy and professional development to its members and the Montessori community at large.

This Gala gathers supporters and innovators from throughout the Montessori community to enjoy an evening of fun and help to insure that AMS will be able to achieve their ideal of a world in which quality Montessori education is widely recognized, highly desired, and accessible to all. AMS will be designating this year's Gala profits to supporting emerging leaders in the Montessori community. The partnership with AIMS will provide necessary support for AIMS' scope of work supporting policy and legislation and increasing opportunities for Illinois children to access high quality Montessori programs.

With this, we formally invite you to participate in the 2016 AMS Gala through sponsorship. The AMS Gala offers an exclusive opportunity for your business or organization to increase exposure to this international network of Montessori educators.

All sponsorships are entitled to the following:

- Your organization listed on the AMS Gala webpage
- Your organization's name and/or logo listed in the printed Gala program book
- Verbal thanks during the evening
- Visual projection of your organization's logo during the fundraiser

Options for AMS Gala Sponsorship include:

\$2000 Mural Sponsor (10 available) - Includes 2 tickets to the Gala, recognition at a prominent table at the Gala, full page ad in the Gala program book, logo and a link on AMS/AIMS web sites. Other table sponsor options are available in the link below:

http://ams.networkats.com/members_online/members/createorder.asp?action=catalog&catalog=SPRI&af=AMS

\$750 Silent Auction Sponsor (2 available) - Recognition on silent auction tables; recognition in Gala Program and link on AMS/AIMS web site.



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\$500 Cocktail Hour Sponsor - (Limit 6, First to commit has the option of sole sponsorship for \$3000) - Signage and literature displayed prominently during cocktail hour; recognition in Gala program and link on AMS/AIMS web site.

\$500 Logo displayed during event in multimedia display - Shine a spotlight on your organization and have your logo featured all evening as part of a fun and exciting multimedia presentation

More options:.

Gala Webpage \$750 (limited to 3 organizations) – Let us place your logo, along with promotional copy about your organization, on the gala conference page where attendees will find the most up-to-date information about ticket sales and items up for auction! To ensure high visibility, we are limiting these sponsorships to 3 organizations.

Flowers \$2,000 – Help make the Springtime Fancy a little fancier by sponsoring the flowers for the evening. The sponsor's name will be acknowledged with a tent card listing at each table.

Swag Bags \$2,000 – Imagine your logo printed on the front of a high quality-bag filled with goodies for gala attendees. In addition to your logo imprinted on the front of the bag, sponsorship also includes one item in the bag. **The sponsor will supply this item.**

Swag Bag Items \$750 (limited to 5 organizations) – Give a gift that keeps on giving. Sponsors may place one branded item in the swag bags that fits the “Sweet Home Chicago” theme of the event as a fun take-away for attendees. **The sponsor will supply this item for 350 guests.**

Program Book Ads (\$500 full-page ad; \$250 half-page ad) – Sponsors can make their mark with a half- or full-page promotional spot inside the fundraiser program book. The book is the attendee's best friend for the evening as they navigate the best strategy to score one of many great live auction items.

Please contact me at denise@foxvalleymontessori.org for more information or to request a sponsorship level. We strongly recommend you apply as soon as possible to secure your desired sponsorship opportunity.

Warm regards,

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AMS 2016 Local Conference Co-Chair