

# 21st Annual Spring Fundraiser & Great Cash Giveaway

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

### **\*\*Valuable Information about the Event\*\***

#### **What is the Spring Fundraiser & Great Cash Giveaway?**

This annual major school fundraiser is held each Spring and is an event for SMA that starts later in the evening, giving parents time to socialize while participating in live and silent auctions, as well as witnessing the drawing for the Great Cash Giveaway (\$10,000). The proceeds of this event go towards operational expenses to keep tuition low and help fund the Tuition Assistance Program.

#### **When & Where is it?**

March 1, 2014

5:00 - 10:00 pm

Historic Lafayette Hotel in San Diego

Come share an evening of entertainment and camaraderie with our school community. There will be dinner, music, and dancing - all the elements for a relaxing and fun event.

#### **Who can come?**

Friends, relatives, community members, EVERYONE! Simply RSVP and pay for the event ahead of time through the office or outside Mass each Sunday starting mid-February.

### **How much is the event?**

Dinner for the event is \$50 per person or \$500.00 for a table of ten. Beer and wine will have an additional cost.

### **Where do I pay for the event?**

There are three places. Enclosed in your invitation, you'll find a reservation card. You can also fill one out - as well as obtain cash giveaway opportunity drawing tickets - in the school office or outside of Mass each Sunday.

### **What should I wear?**

The theme is *Mardis Gras* so anything you would wear to a nice evening event along this theme is fine.

### **Where should I park?**

The hotel has four designated parking areas available to guests. Surface parking is located off of Mississippi St., Louisiana St., and Howard St. Secured underground parking is also available by way of the white-gated garage doors on Mississippi St. just before El Cajon Boulevard. Hotel guests may access the garage using their guest room key. We encourage people to carpool for ease of parking.

### **What should I bring to the event?**

Just your smile and a credit card! You can also choose to pay with cash or check.

## **ABOUT THE AUCTION**

### **Where can I see the auction items?**

All will be revealed at the event! In addition we will be announcing a few items for auction before the event via the website.

### **Is our donation tax-deductible?**

Fund-a-Need donations are 100% tax deductible.

For auction items, the charitable deduction is the difference between what is paid and the fair market value of the item.

## **ABOUT OPPORTUNITY DRAWING TICKETS FOR THE GREAT CASH GIVEAWAY**

### **Details about the Great Cash Giveaway:**

Prizes include one \$10,000 cash award and three additional cash prizes. Must be 18 years to enter. Winner of the \$10,000 prize need not be present; however, winners of the three additional cash prizes will be announced during the cocktail hour (5:00-7:00) and winners of these must be present to receive the prize. There will be 3,000 tickets sold with a \$25.00 donation per ticket for the main *Great Cash Giveaway* of \$10,000. The drawing is to be held on Saturday, **March 1, 2014** at the Spring Fundraiser and *Great Cash Giveaway* hosted by St. Martin of Tours Academy at the Historic Lafayette Hotel.

**Who can we distribute tickets to?**

Anyone! You can buy them all yourself or get the \$25 donation from 12 other people...or any combination in-between. Donations for the Family Dozen can come from your own family OR from neighbors, friends, and relatives - just as long as you bring in a \$25 donation per ticket.

**Do you have any ideas of where I can distribute my Great Cash Giveaway opportunity drawing tickets?**

We sure do!

Book clubs

Sports groups

Hairdresser

Neighbors

Grandparents

Outside Mass at St. Martin of Tours

(on a pre-scheduled basis - please call office)

Email list (letter to attach to your email is available on this site)

Bunco groups

Civic groups

Manicurist

Piano teacher

At SMA Bingo (from 4-5pm)

Let us know some ideas that have worked for you!

**Where can I get more tickets after my Family Dozen is done?**

You can get more tickets at the office ***ANYTIME!***

(starting January 23, 2014)

**Who should checks be made out to?**

St. Martin Academy or SMA

**Will the personal information on the opportunity drawing tickets be secure?**

YES! None of the information will be shared or sold to a third party.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### What's the single most important way to help?

The biggest way you can assist with the fundraiser is by making sure your "Family Dozen" gets completed and encouraging others to finish theirs!

### What if I want to volunteer for the night of the event or before it?

Great! You can contact Tracy Giordano ([giordano3@cox.net](mailto:giordano3@cox.net)) or Heather Weim ([heather.weim@gmail.com](mailto:heather.weim@gmail.com)) who are chairing this event. Any volunteering you do for the SMA Spring Fundraiser counts towards your service hour commitment.

### How can I make a donation?

Contact Tracy Giordano or Heather Weim OR St. Martin of Tours Academy office (619-466-3241). We're always looking for a unique experience or item to put in the auctions. We also accept monetary donations and sponsorships.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### What are the Family Sponsorships I've been hearing about?

These are AWESOME! Whether you're attending the event or not, you (or even an out-of-town relative as a present) can take advantage of this opportunity!

The Family Sponsorships are at varied levels and are of benefit to our SMA families. When you sponsor the event you also

receive wonderful privileges in return (limited amount offered - first come first served).

Examples of these sponsorships include:

Grandparents' Day VIP Experience

- special seating and parking (3 available)

VIP Christmas Program Seating

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> row seatings available

Principal for the Day

- 2 available

VIP Parking Spaces

- 2 available

Please contact Tracy Giordano or Heather Weim if you are interested in one of the family sponsorships.

**What if I have a question not answered in this note?**

Contact the chairs for this event - Tracy Giordano

([giordano3@cox.net](mailto:giordano3@cox.net)) and Heather Weim

([heather.weim@gmail.com](mailto:heather.weim@gmail.com)) with any questions.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing YOU at the Spring Fundraiser and Great Cash Giveaway Event on March 1<sup>st</sup>!