



October 15, 2017

Dear Friends of Learning Services Home and School Association,

We are excited to announce the kick off of our sole membership fundraiser for the 2017-2018 school year.

This is an easy fundraiser that directly impacts our students in school right now; it doesn't require a babysitter, time away from home or advance planning.

In addition to supporting our socials, this year's fundraiser and membership dues support our enrichment grants program. Teachers, therapists and administrators submit proposals to enhance our children's education experience and they are voted on by the LSHSA membership at LSHSA meetings.

This year we are asking you to write a check for the amount you would pay a babysitter for an evening out, the cost of a dinner or any amount that your heart tells you is right for your family. No donation is too small or too large.

Last year, enrichment grants focused on easing transitions, practicing life and social skills and offered appropriate alternatives to mainstream activities.

Some examples of enrichment grants supported by the LSHSA in the 2016-2017 school year include:

- A trip to an "Escape Room" for 8th grade students, accompanied by RHS Maroon Mentors and RHS special education teachers to help ease the transition from middle to high school.
- An in-class budgeting project where RHS RISE students earned money and developed a budget for a trip into town to shop and enjoy lunch at a restaurant.
- An end of the year celebration for a self-contained elementary school class that was learning about transitions to a new classroom and teacher, they said goodbye to a classmate who was moving and practiced social skills and manners.

Please accept our thanks in advance for your support of Ridgewood's special needs community.

With gratitude,

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DONATION FORM

\$ _____ **YES!** I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AND BE ACKNOWLEDGED (NAME ONLY) IN THE LSHSA JANUARY NEWSLETTER.

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