

A NIGHT AT
THE
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TRINITY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

GALA  2015

Your Guide

to the

2015 Gala!

Supporting the Gala

There are many ways you can support and participate in Gala!



\$5 Contribution per Child

We are asking for a \$5 contribution per child to help offset some of the costs associated with Gala. An envelope will go home in student planners on Friday, March 6th, to return your contribution to the classroom teacher. Classes with 100% participation will receive recognition as well as a treat party.

Donate items for the Raffle Baskets

At Gala, we will have “themed” gift baskets available to win by raffle. Tickets for this raffle will only be sold at the event. The winner will be drawn at Gala, and must be present to win.

We are asking families to donate items for these baskets, as well as the physical basket itself. We will post a sign-up genius for specific items at a later date – ***look for the email!***

Class Art Project

Traditionally, as part of the silent auction, each class creates and contributes an art project to be auctioned. These are treasured, priceless keepsakes from your child and their classmates! Please be sure to look for notices from your teacher and/or homeroom parent on the details of this project and any requests for assistance.



Donate and/or Solicit Items for the Silent Auction

A significant portion of the funds raised at Gala will be achieved through the Silent Auction.

Trinity Parents – your assistance with securing items for our Silent Auction are critical to the Gala's success!

We are asking our families to consider donating and/or soliciting items from your network of friends, family, co-workers and associates. Donations may be made in the form of actual merchandise, certificates for products or services, or even cash donations. **All donations are tax deductible.**

Some ideas for Silent Auction items are:

Restaurant Gift Cards	Spa Gift Certificates
Hotel/Resort Gift Certificates	Fishing Charters
Theme/Amusement Park Tickets	Golf Gift Certificates
Sporting Event Tickets	Show or Concert Tickets
Use of a Vacation Home	Signed Sports Memorabilia

The Solicitation letter and donation forms for Gala are part of this guide. Please feel free to make copies to distribute.

We've already received many wonderful items for both Silent Auction and the Raffle Baskets thanks to the hard work of a few Trinity parents.

This year's Silent Auction chair is Melissa Steele (mdpsteele@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact her with questions regarding auction donations.



Tickets

Tickets to the Gala are available for purchase on the Gala website: <https://trinitysfc.ejoinme.org/gala2015>

Early Bird Tickets are \$50 each and \$60 each after March

27th. Each ticket includes the following: admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and two hours of complimentary drinks (alcoholic/non-alcoholic) from 7pm-9pm. At 9pm, drink tickets may be purchased for any additional beverages for the remainder of the evening.

Staff Tickets

Our teachers are tremendous supporters of Gala! Many of them volunteer and contribute their time to helping the school, parents and PPA put on a successful event. Because of their support our staff is given the opportunity to purchase their tickets at a discounted rate of \$25.00; however, if you would like to sponsor your teacher you may donate towards the purchase of a ticket on the Gala website (under Ticket Sales). This allows for several parents to support their child's teacher. Any amount collected over the \$25.00 will be used for our humanities teachers and those teachers without a homeroom class.

Golden Ticket

We will be selling "Golden Tickets" on the Gala Website (<https://trinitysfc.ejoinme.org/gala2015>).

All golden Tickets sold will be entered into a drawing. The winner will be drawn on Thursday, April 9th (two days before Gala). The winner will be able to select from **ANY** item on the Silent Auction block! That's right – you get to choose before the items are even offered at Gala!

Golden Tickets will be \$10 each. Buy for yourself or sell to family and friends!

50/50 Raffle

We will be selling 50/50 Raffle tickets beginning March 6th. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each. The winner of the 50/50 Raffle will receive half (50%) of the total ticket sales; the school will receive the other half. **Last year's winner won over \$1,700.00!**

The winner will be drawn at Gala but **does not** need to be present to win. These tickets will be sent home via your child's Friday Folder. You can sell them to ANYONE interested in purchasing a chance to win a CASH prize! *Beginning March 6th, additional tickets may be printed from the Gala Website* (<https://trinitysfc.ejoinme.org/gala2015>).

The 50/50 Raffle tickets will also be sold at the event!



Parent Check List for Gala 2015

To Do (All are Optional...but ENCOURAGED to support our school!)

- Make plans to attend Gala on Saturday, April 11th
- Buy tickets to the Gala (Payable through Gala Website)
<https://trinitysfc.ejoinme.org/gala2015>
- Ask your child's teacher and/or HR Parent how you can help with the class Art Project (to be auctioned at Gala)
- Donate items and baskets for the Gala Raffle Baskets
- Ask your network of friends, co-workers, retail & service providers to donate items for the Gala Silent Auction
- Buy and sell Golden Tickets
- Buy and sell 50/50 Gala Raffle tickets
- Get Involved!



Dear Sir or Madam:

Trinity School for Children will host its 15th annual Gala on Saturday, April 11th, 2015 at the Hollywood Venue. Proceeds from this event will benefit the continuing education of our student body.

We are writing to you today to request your participation in the 2015 Gala.

Throughout the dozen years since our founding, Trinity School for Children has served the educational needs of many young students in Tampa. Today, our population of nearly 850 students represents 32 zip codes and mirrors the cultural, socio-economic and educational diversity of Tampa. Our school is unique among other area charter schools in the quality of education it provides to students with varying needs as well as the level of commitment from our parents.

Trinity School for Children holds the Gala each year to support faculty/staff development, necessary capital improvements and supplements existing operating funds of the school.

Trinity School for Children holds the Gala each year to raise funds to help support the continuing education of our students, faculty/staff development, necessary school improvements and general operations of the school. Last year, some of the funds raised from Gala helped allow our teachers to participate in valuable curriculum classes and staff development so that our students could benefit from innovative ideas and teaching strategies. Trinity also used some of the funds raised to install a security fence around its upper school to provide more safety for its students. Over 1,000 invitations will be mailed to current and past parents, alumni and friends of Trinity. To allow for proper acknowledgment of your donation, please complete the enclosed form and return it by Friday, April 3rd, 2015. We sincerely appreciate and thank you for your consideration of this request.

Warm Regards,

Trinity School for Children's PPA
2015 Gala Silent Auction
Contact: Melissa Steele at mdpsteele@gmail.com