



Dear Community Business Owners,

We would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming fundraising event by donating your goods and/or services to support our thriving school. Urban Montessori Charter School opened its doors in August 2012 with the aim of creating a truly inclusive school community reflective of the diversity of Oakland. We're doing this by offering children a creative and compassionate education. Our curriculum combines Maria Montessori's philosophy and method of education with Arts Integration, and Design Thinking—a systemic problem-solving process that uses empathy to understand people and situations. We currently are a K-3rd grade school, located in the Maxwell Park neighborhood of Oakland, and will grow into a k-8th grade school by 2018.

On March 20th, 2014 UMCS will host an auction and comedy fundraiser featuring J.R. Havlan of the Daily Show. The event will be held at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center in downtown Oakland. Proceeds will help to maintain and grow the core academic program and provide enrichment programs for students. California currently ranks 49th in the nation in per-pupil funding for public schools. Events such as these are crucial to ensuring a quality education for the children of our community. This is a prime opportunity to promote your business to our engaged community. Not only are you giving back to the Oakland community, UMCS will gratefully acknowledge your donation at the event and encourage everyone to continue to support your business. All donations and contributions to UMCS are tax deductible. Please keep the following tax ID number for your records: 27-4217597.

We thank you in advance for your support. Should you have any questions, you can send them to donations@urbanmontessori.org.

Respectfully,

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