



Saint Mark Lutheran Church & School
K a n e o h e, H a w a i i

Matthew Hilpert, Pastor

R. David Gaudi Jr., Principal

September 13, 2011

Re: 2nd Annual Benefit Gala for Saint Mark Lutheran School

Dear Saint Mark Ohana,

On **Saturday, November 5, 2011** we are having our **2nd Annual Benefit Gala** for Saint Mark Lutheran School at *The Pacific Club*. It is entitled "Flavors Around the World." We had our first ever gala this past November, and it was by all accounts wonderfully successful with net donations exceeding \$18,000.

The PTC, faculty, and staff are again planning a wonderful evening of international food, live entertainment, and an exciting silent auction (including wonderful class projects) for our families, community, and friends. The money raised in this event will be used to help fund our new computer technology and support our financial aid program.

The tickets are being sold for **\$75 apiece** and tables are available at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. We realize that the cost of this event may make it difficult for some to attend the gala, and we certainly don't mean to put any pressure on our families. However, we would definitely love to have you attend if it's possible.

In addition to school families, it is our hope to attract friends, family, and business contacts to the gala who are not necessarily sending their children to Saint Mark but do have a desire to support the school. So if you know of anyone who wants to advertise their business while supporting what we feel is a worthwhile cause, please encourage them to consider the gala.

If you are interested in attending the gala, please complete the attachments and/or contact **Melelani Lawrence** at 247-5589 or melelani@smls-hawaii.org. If you are unable to attend, please know that there are many other ways to support this event and our school. For example, you can donate to the silent auction, assist with the creation of the class project(s), help with the class baskets, encourage others to participate, or simply talk-up the event.

Mahalo nui loa for your support of this very important endeavor.

With great appreciation,

R. David Gaudi Jr.

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