



To: All Eden Families & Staff  
From: The Eden Parent Raffle Committee  
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Subject: 2017 Eden Raffle Planning  
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The Eden Raffle Committee is off to an early start planning for the 2017 event, scheduled for **Sunday, October 15, 2017**. 2016 was another incredible year in which \$60,000 was raised. Raffle proceeds continue to fund much-needed wish list and non-budgeted items for participants spanning ALL Eden programs.

The Raffle Committee has begun the process of securing prizes. We are happy to report that we have again acquired a **Holland America Line Cruise for Two** as well as a **Two Night Stay for Two at the Langham Place Hotel in NYC**. *While this is excellent news, we can use assistance from families and staff in a few areas.*

**1) Identify local area businesses for donations.** If you have a good relationship with a particular company or have done significant business with one in the past year that you would like to recommend, please let us know. They may consider donating a prize (in-kind) or a making a contribution toward one. No company is too big or too small! The Raffle Committee will gladly reach out on your behalf or can provide you with a letter to request such a donation. Examples of prospects include your financial planner, therapy center, insurance company, etc.

**2) Individual in-kind donations.** If you have an in-kind donation that you would personally like to contribute, please let the Raffle Committee know. It would be greatly appreciated.

Suggestions for raffle ticket and incentive prizes are welcome! Past prizes have included a cruise, hotel stay, vacation timeshares, iPads, theatre/sporting tickets, restaurant gift certificates, beer/wine tastings, etc.

Last year over 21,000 tickets were sold all around the country. Businesses that donate \$500 or more will be listed on every single raffle ticket and receive premier advertising. Companies that donate up to \$500 (\$200 minimum) will receive premier advertising. We are looking to secure commitments by **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and receive funds/prizes by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

**The Raffle Committee hopes to cover as many of the prizes as possible with company donations versus requesting funds from the parents.**

Thank you for your consideration and generosity for all that you do to benefit Eden in support of our loved ones. If you have questions regarding the raffle or any of the programs listed above, please contact: **Elaine Gischlar, Eden School Parent: boxtopsedeneg@yahoo.com or (609) 462-4752.**