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Dear Friend,

We're writing to you on behalf of Friends of Jones to ask for your support for our annual Spring Auction that will take place April 17-May 1, 2023. Friends of Jones (FOJ) is the parent and guardian not-for-profit whose mission is to raise funds to support Jones College Prep. Each year, we provide more than \$275,000 in grants to support our students and school community.

Jones College Prep is a public, selective enrollment high school located in downtown Chicago, serving one of the most culturally, racially, economically and geographically diverse student bodies in our city. Our student's achievements have repeatedly placed Jones on *US News and World Report's* list of America's Best High Schools and we are a three-time national Blue Ribbon High School.

While JCP's teachers and programs are excellent, the school must rely upon contributions from parents, friends, and business owners like you to support valuable academic, artistic, and athletic programming. In fact, many of these enrichment programs would not be possible without this support that helps to bring a multitude of amazing opportunities to our talented and diverse student population.

Please consider supporting Jones students by making a tax-deductible donation to the online auction which will be our primary fundraising event in 2023. We are looking for a broad array of items, including stays at vacation homes, restaurant and retail gift cards, merchandise, tickets to sporting and theatrical events, professional and personal services, hotel, and travel certificates.

Please fill out the Auction Donation Form with Item Information Forms and any physical items are needed by Tuesday, March 11.

This year we are asking donors to e-mail certificates when possible.

Your generous donation may receive exposure to up to 250,000 people via the online auction conducted on Biddingforgood.com from April 17th through May 1st.

Many thanks for your consideration. We are happy to answer any questions you may have to determine your interest in supporting our students and this great school!

Sincerely,

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