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Dear Bishop Families,

Bishop Garcia Diego High School is gearing up for another fabulous Gala Dinner and Auction! This year's 25th annual event will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2010 on the Bishop campus. The evening offers an entertaining silent and super silent auction, gourmet dinner, opportunities to win fabulous items and of course the evening's finale, the live auction. This year's auction is particularly significant, as we celebrate the school's 50th anniversary with WANTED:, a western theme that will have your boots two-stepping around hay bales and drawing your bid number for some of the best items to appear in the wild west!

We are requesting that every Bishop family participate in the preparation of this highly anticipated event by providing an item for the auction, valued at \$100 or more. You may provide this item or you may seek a donation from the larger community. We encourage families to work together as a team to secure items of greater value which can then be used for the live auction. We have made it even easier for Bishop families by including suggestions for donated auction items, including a well known local store which Bishop High is registered at with pre-selected items.

As you are know, this event is the school's largest fundraiser, bringing in vital dollars which offset the portion of each student's tuition cost that Bishop High covers. The actual cost of educating each student is \$13,884; therefore the school contributes \$1,084 above the tuition amount. The auction also features the Adopt-A-Student program which provides tuition assistance to student families in need. We encourage you to be involved.

Bishop Garcia Diego High School's auction has been recognized as a highly visible community event, considered to be a premier auction in the Santa Barbara area. Your donation will receive exceptional exposure; over 300 active community members attend this event. Donors and sponsors are recognized at the event, on our website, within the auction program and the school's annual report. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Please review the enclosed information for retail items, gift certificates, advertising purchases and sponsorships. Please complete your choice of donation form(s) and return to Bishop with the enclosed envelope. All donations, advertisements and sponsorship agreements must be received by Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

We are very grateful for your contribution to the continued success of this annual fundraiser.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey L. Carr".

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