



Dear Families:

The SEED Foundation's ninth annual *Swing with Shorewood* event will be held on **Saturday, March 10th at Discovery World!** This exciting venue provides outstanding views of the lakefront and downtown, as well as dinner catered by Bartolotta's! This important event helps fund grants for projects and programs in each of our public schools. Since 2004, *Swing with Shorewood* has raised nearly \$585,000 to help teachers and schools implement new academic curriculum and safety programs, purchase new computers and other classroom equipment, and much more.

The Foundation's work would not be possible without the community's commitment to maintaining Shorewood's exceptional schools, and the involvement of Village families in this event. Here are some ways that you can support *Swing with Shorewood*:

- Organize or participate in a classroom or grade-level auction donation. A gift of \$10 from each family adds up to a terrific auction item!
- Donate an auction item personally. Do you have a special skill, such as baking/cooking, card making, gardening, or playing an instrument? Do you own your own business? We encourage businesses to provide marketing material and business cards for display - we recognize all donors in the event program.
- Encourage your children to get involved. They can donate services, such as babysitting, dog-walking, lawn-mowing, and snow-shoveling.
- Ask colleagues, family, friends, and neighbors to consider donating an auction item or purchasing raffle tickets to win an exciting travel package.
- Consider making a monetary contribution to help us underwrite expenses and maximize our revenue.

And, please join us! In addition to a terrific auction, the evening at Discovery World includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner and cash bar, and Shorewood student entertainment. Look for your invitation to *Swing with Shorewood* in a few weeks.

We know that you receive many requests for donations throughout the year, and we appreciate your consideration. We hope that you will join us in supporting *Swing with Shorewood* in a way that is comfortable for your family, and help us set a new fundraising record. There is a donation form on the back of this letter. Please contact your school liaison, listed below, if you have questions about the event, or if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

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