



Friends of Audubon

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2008-09 Annual Report

Dear Parent/Teacher/Friend:

My name is Kathy Argentar and I have the privilege this year of serving as the President of Friends of Audubon, a not-for-profit organization that raises money to support the vision of Audubon School.

Friends of Audubon raised over \$110,000 during the 08-09 school year; a 10% increase over the previous year. This is an amazing accomplishment in a tough economy and a tribute to the energy and dedication of our parents and staff. The funds were allocated to a variety of programs (see FoA Grants below). Thanks to the generosity and permission of an anonymous donor, we also have funds for the beginning of an endowment for Audubon School that we hope alumni, extended family and businesses will continue to support.

And as we begin this school year, we have a wonderful slate of fundraising events that are designed not only to raise money for Audubon, but also to bring our families closer together. FoA is committed to both of these goals equally. The annual Hawk Walk, where Audubon students circle the school in a fun and energetic walkathon, is slated for **October 2**. Stay tuned for details! Audubon Day at Barnes & Noble is **December 13** (get gifts for the holidays and have the proceeds to Audubon) and the much-anticipated Spring Gala 2010 will be on **April 24** (save the date!).

Because we are respectful of our parents' commitments and time we are keeping our fundraising events limited to the current number. We are also committed to obtaining an increasing amount of our funding from external sources as opposed to our already very generous parent population. As a result, we are increasingly reaching out to alumni, foundations and local and national corporations to solicit additional monies via our Grant-writing and Corporate teams. Our efforts are paying off as the **percentage of funds raised from external sources went from 7% of the total in 07-08 to 14% in 08-09.**

I want to thank the past and current members of the Friends of Audubon Board for contributing their vision & energy to the organization's efforts with a special thanks to outgoing Board members Cindi Bish and Brian Morgan who served on the FoA Board since its inception in the fall of 2006. You help provide important educational opportunities which are beyond the scope of the school's operating budget. I also want to thank Roscoe Village Neighbors, the Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce and the entire community for their support. I would especially like to recognize the 20+ members of the Audubon 100 Club (see reverse), a group of local businesses committed to helping our school grow. Please patronize and thank these businesses.

On behalf of the FoA Board thank you for your past and future support. We encourage you to join one of our committees to experience first-hand how rewarding and fun it can be.

FoA Grants to Audubon 2008-09

\$75,507 Teaching positions
\$ 3,204 Beautification (Field house improvements via a grant from Lowe's)
\$2,350 Landscaping
\$1,400 Technology
\$750 Redmoon theater program
\$700 Teacher appreciation
\$550 Teacher supplies
\$190 Staff development/workshop
\$1,715 Unrestricted

FoA Board Members 09-10

Kathy Argentar, President
Keith Schwartz, Treasurer
Sherri Tonozzi, Secretary
Jeremy Glenn
Sandy Hartman
Suzanne Kickhaefer
Alison Kramme
Nick Liberati
Don Lippert
Sara Sladoje

Audubon 100 Club

Please Patronize the following local businesses who have generously donated to the Audubon 100 Club

Platinum Members

J&J Landscaping
Kitsch'n
Roscoe Village Family Medicine
VIP Sports Marketing
Wishcraft
with Grace

Gold Members

Bash Academy
Mark Ferrante
Menard Johnson
Original Expressions
The Village Tap

Silver Members

A Cooler Planet
a Pied
Building Blocks
Edward Jones
Jerger Draperies
John's Place
Kickin'
Roscoe Blooms
We Got Game

FoA Calendar

October 2 Hawk Walk

December 13 Barnes & Noble Day
(a percentage of purchases benefits FoA)

April 24 Spring Gala
(the biggest fundraiser of the year!)

FoA Purpose

- a. To promote and support the academic and extra curricular programs at John James Audubon Elementary School, a public elementary school located in Chicago, Illinois ("Audubon Elementary School").
- b. To assist Audubon Elementary School in enriching its educational programs by securing, raising and arranging for funds and capital through fundraising activities, including special events, solicitations and grant requests.
- c. To aid Audubon Elementary School in obtaining resources for improving and beautifying its facilities and grounds necessary for the well-being and safety of the school community.
- d. To develop plans and strategies to identify and solicit individuals, community members, businesses and foundations for gift and grant support.
- e. To foster business and community involvement to improve the quality of public education and assist Audubon Elementary School in achieving its educational objectives.
- f. To educate the community on the advantages of charitable giving and to motivate potential donors to make donations that benefit and promote the educational needs of the community.
- g. To maintain, manage and administer funds and expend principal and income in furtherance of the Corporation's purposes.
- h. To invest in for-profit activities that are consistent with and in furtherance of the charitable and educational purposes of the Corporation and engage in any other activities that may be pursued by an organization organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and permitted by the Illinois General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.