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Dear Westlake Community Supporter,

We're excited to share that the Westlake High School Chaparral band has been selected to represent our community in the January 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California!

This is an incredible honor, as only a select few bands in the United States receive this prestigious invitation.

This once-in-a-lifetime experience for our students (marching on *international* television!) comes with numerous expenses. Some students and their families cannot afford this trip without assistance. Our goals are to ensure that every student can participate without stressing over finances and our Chap Band is equipped to represent our community well.

Westlake High School band students and parent volunteers are reaching out to local businesses, organizations, and individuals this year requesting support. **Would you consider a 2023 corporate sponsorship AND/OR an in-kind donation of goods, services or experiences for our May 12th Silent Auction?** We are also open to discussing other types of support that better meet your company's goals (like in-kind discounts, football program ads/coupons, or other ideas).

Attached is a list of our sponsorship and in-kind benefits for 2023. We are happy to answer any questions and discuss options that work best for you, including specific ideas for Silent Auction or other in-kind donations.

Feel free to contact us with questions and ideas. **Our goal is to secure pledges/gifts by April 28th, 2023, but we'll work with you if you need more decision time** (especially on gifts *not* related to May 12th Silent Auction).

Thank you for your consideration!

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* **Silent Auction is both virtual/online and in-person in conjunction with our May 12th spring concert (500+ guests expected)**

ABOUT the WHS Chap Band:

The Westlake High School Chaparral Band is recognized as one of THE top high school band programs in the United States. Recognition & awards include:

- **Top Concert Band in the U.S.** 2021 & 2022 (elite Midwest Clinic – only 7 bands invited of hundreds of applicants!)
- **U.I.L. ratings "1" (highest) for over 30 years:** all 4 concert bands plus marching and jazz bands received highest ratings
- **#10 ranked 6A marching band State of Texas 2021** and top 15 in 2022 -- cheering your Westlake Chap football team!
- **#3 ranked Elite Visual Ensemble (color guard) program in the U.S.** in 2022, #1 in Texas
- **2022 Exemplary Band Program award** from Texas Bandmasters Association
- **Band director Kerry Taylor current president of prestigious American Bandmasters Association** (national leader)
- **Nationally recognized** for its comprehensive programming, student growth/leadership opportunities and overall music education excellence – goal is to develop well-rounded students and leaders that are also great musicians!