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Dear Friend of Westlake Academy ~

**Can our 855 students count on you?**

As an International Baccalaureate school, Westlake Academy students “learn how to learn” and to apply their knowledge in the real world. They ask challenging questions and think critically, looking for new connections versus accepting the status quo. They develop the vital writing, research and problem-solving skills invaluable in higher education and future careers. Today’s Academy students will be tomorrow’s community and corporate leaders!

**Help ensure that Westlake Academy remains at the forefront of academic excellence. Please sponsor or donate to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gallery Night benefit auction to be held Saturday, March 3, 2018, 6:00 PM at the Texas Motor Speedway!**

As one of the region’s most successful events, you’ll be in great company supporting Gallery Night. As you graciously consider our request, did you know that...

- ...Westlake Academy – a free, public, charter school – continues to maintain an exemplary TEA rating, despite receiving **30% less in state funds** compared to other public schools? And we continue to be a perennial Top 40 high school in America!
- ...last school year, **nearly \$180,000 in grants** was awarded to provide new learning spaces, additional classroom resources and professional development for our teachers? Your gift will have an immediate and lasting impact!

Gallery Night proceeds fund “above and beyond” grant requests for equipment, technology and trainings that aren’t covered in the annual operating budget. **That’s why your contribution matters.** We hope you’ll see Gallery Night as a worthy investment and say “YES!” to being an event sponsor or donor. You and your guests will enjoy a great evening supporting a fantastic school. In addition, we have multiple ways to let Westlake and the broader community know that you are a generous supporter of K-12 public education. It’s a small but important way to thank you for stepping up!

Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Shelly Myers in our Foundation office (817-490-5722 or [SMyers@WestlakeAcademy.org](mailto:SMyers@WestlakeAcademy.org)). **On behalf of our students and teachers, THANK YOU for your kind consideration!**

*Debbie Kraska*  
2018 Co-Chair

*Lisa Pylant*  
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