



# TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Friends:

On Thursday, April 15, 2010, the Teaneck Community Charter School (TCCS) will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance: *A Night of a Thousand Friends* at the Venetian in Garfield. This evening of fine food, music and dance will be our grandest celebration yet, as we honor the legacy and work of our Executive Director, Dr. Rex Shaw, as he retires this spring.

Not only will we honor Dr. Shaw, but we also gather to celebrate the incredible feats of our students. TCCS has 304 students from wonderfully diverse backgrounds, who thrive in our nurturing environment where they are encouraged to realize their full intellectual potential and become self-directed learners. This year, for example, our students have been engaged in a program called "Pennies for Peace" designed to foster mutual understanding and support for children struggling to receive an education in war-torn Afghanistan. Our "Pennies for Peace" project began with the school-wide reading of the book "Three Cups of Tea" and has culminated in art projects and funding drives inspired by the kids to help less fortunate students in Afghanistan.

We would like to request your support in ensuring that this year's Dinner Dance is our best ever! The funds that we raise through our Dinner Dance allow us to continue operating a student-centered learning community, which promotes and supports a child's natural curiosity and enthusiasm for acquiring knowledge. You may support our upcoming event in various ways:

- Our Dinner Dance Journal is a wonderful way to advertise your business or service to the Teaneck community. If you would like to place an ad in our Journal, please use the enclosed Journal Ad Form.
- We are seeking items for inclusion in our silent auction, which is one of the Dinner Dance's major events. Suitable items include any kind of product, service or gift certificate, or anything else that you can think of. If you are able to contribute any items to the auction, please let us know by returning the enclosed Auction Donation Form.
- If you would like to send Dr. Shaw a message of support or congratulations, you may do so using the "Tribute Ad" section of the enclosed Journal Ad form.

Please send completed ad or auction forms to Kathleen Wicklund via fax at 201-836-4740 or email at [kwick25@optonline.net](mailto:kwick25@optonline.net). **Note that the deadline for receipt of ad requests is March 26, 2010.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wicklund at 201-694-3042.

This year we will complete our first school year in our new state-of-the-art facility. While this was a tremendous feat, much work remains to keep TCCS at the forefront of alternative education, as parts of our new building remain incomplete until the school can raise additional funds through events such as our Dinner Dance. With your continued support we will do so. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with your help and thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Alice Chin  
TCSCO Co-Chair

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