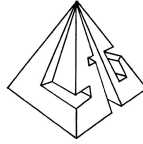


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Dear Friend of L.I.S.G.:

This year we are very pleased and excited to be celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of L.I.S.G. We are all proud of the school's fine reputation and of the accomplishments of all of our students, both past and present.

The L.I.S.G. administration, teachers and support staff have striven to help each student, (and there have been hundreds of students since our founding in 1980), develop into excellent students with strong moral fiber. This is not easy in our society where being gifted and doing the right thing are not appreciated and valued. It is actually very sad to me that in thirty years nothing has really changed for gifted children. New parents come to the school describing the same negative school experiences that my own children had before I founded L.I.S.G.

I frequently wonder how different things would be for our students (and their parents) if L.I.S.G. never existed. I know that my own children's lives would have been very different. I am proud that I was able to provide our students with this unique opportunity. Nothing is more rewarding than to hear them tell me the difference L.I.S.G. made in their lives, their successes and their futures.

This year has been a very difficult one for the school. The economic downturn hit us in many ways. We were forced to cut staff and use our reserve funds. We have always tried to keep L.I.S.G. affordable, but without any outside funding, this becomes more challenging. Society's stigma against gifted children impacts our ability to acquire grants and large donations.

We save whenever and wherever we can. For example, this past summer the administrators lined up outside a retailer selling spiral notebooks for 5 cents. There was a per purchase limit so we had to drop our purchases off in our cars and get back on line in the store. We laughed about it, but these are the lengths we will go to.

We can only do so much on our own and we need your help. If you are receiving this appeal, it is because L.I.S.G. has been a part of your life. I ask that you make L.I.S.G. part of your giving this year. Please contribute to our Annual Fund. Please help us to continue to provide our students with the educational experience they deserve and support us in our efforts. Thank you on behalf of our students.

Sincerely,

Carol Yilmaz, Founder

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