



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## HORACE MANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## **Horace Mann 2018 School Auction and Gala—Celebrating Excellence!**

The Horace Mann Elementary School PTA, 501(c)(3) organization, will hold its annual online auction and live gala in February/March 2018. The auction is the school's biggest fundraising event, and its success is critical to the operation of Horace Mann Elementary. More than 400 parents, faculty members, and friends of the school will attend this year's auction. More than ever, we need your support!

Horace Mann, the public elementary school for Spring Valley and Wesley Heights, has provided quality public education to children in D.C. since 1931. The school has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School *five times*—including in 2017—an honor that only a handful of schools nationwide have earned. Its primary focus centers on the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs of the community's children. We rely on the generosity of parents and businesses like yours to support the programming that makes Mann attractive to families across the city. All money raised at the auction is used to directly support the education of our children, including funding for our science program, art and music programs, professional development for our teachers, building and playground repairs and maintenance, and other items that help maintain Horace Mann's standards of excellence.

It is in this spirit that we ask for your participation as a donor. The names and logos of donors will be visible in the online auction for a period of 10 days, and viewed by a large community of households in Upper NW D.C. The auction catalog will contain similar exposure, and we will encourage all Horace Mann parents to patronize your business. Additionally, you will receive an electronic receipt for your tax purposes.

We understand that a great many charitable requests cross your desk. We hope you will give serious consideration to our request for support for this excellent local public school at such a critical time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information at [horacemanndcpta@gmail.com](mailto:horacemanndcpta@gmail.com), or visit our website to make a contribution at [www.horacemanndc.org](http://www.horacemanndc.org).

Thank you in advance for your support and contribution.

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**Camila Anker, Mann 2018 Auction and Gala Chair**

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