Dear Parents,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank the students and parents who participated in last year's LAUSD Sharing Brings Hope Consolidated Charitable Campaign. Parents, students, faculty and staff of LAUSD raised over one million dollars for our community. The Student (and Family) Donation Envelopes, like the one sent home with your child, raised over $360,000.

On behalf of our children and communities and in the continuing tradition of Palms Middle School's school spirit, I am asking for your support for the 2011 Sharing Brings Hope Campaign. This year's campaign continues to consolidate all of our District's fundraising efforts to a single annual appeal. All of the charities listed below are licensed and effective charitable organizations and Your support funds any or all of these twelve hardworking agencies.

- **Asian Pacific Community Fund** agencies enhance the lives of 250,000 people annually through early childhood education, after school programs, youth leadership, human services, and more.
- **Brotherhood Crusade** provides necessary resources, supportive services, and a voice of advocacy to traditionally underserved communities. We support families, individuals by promoting health and wellness, providing and enhancing educational opportunities, cultivating economic growth, and building community agencies and institutions.
- **Community Health Charities of California** has over 40 health-oriented charities that provide patient services, distribute health information, and conduct research to the diverse communities of Los Angeles. Our member charities cover the health needs of everyone, from infants to seniors.
- **EarthShare California** represents over 80 environmental agencies state-wide. Our mission is to protect, support, and improve California’s natural heritage of clean air, safe water, diverse wildlife, and healthy communities and families by raising funds for leading environmental organizations.
- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** is the nation's leading Hispanic scholarship organization, providing the Hispanic community more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country.
- **Kathryn Kurka Children's Health Fund** provides glasses, dental care, immunizations and other medical care to LAUSD students with no other resources.
- **LAUSD Employee-Sponsored Scholarship Fund** provides graduating seniors with financial assistance that allows them to enter colleges and universities.
- **Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health** provides support to school-based health centers, mental health centers, and dental clinics on various LAUSD school sites serving children pre-k through high school.
- **United Latino Fund** is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of Latino families in Los Angeles by providing grants to predominantly Latino-serving nonprofit organizations. Thanks to donations from people like you, ULF awards grants to nonprofits that provide an array of services like after school programs, job readiness skills, youth development, health education, and arts for children and families.
- **UNCF** is the nation's largest and most effective minority higher education assistance organization. The core mission of UNCF and its member colleges—providing an educational home expressly develop to address the needs of minority students, many the first in their families to attend college, and many from low-income families.
- **United Teachers Educational Foundation** prepares, trains, and guarantees that teachers have the skills to best instruct their students.
- **United Way of Greater Los Angeles**: We "create pathways out of poverty" by helping homeless people into housing, supporting kids to succeed in school and helping families become financially stable.

Please consider giving to the charity of your choice. No amount is too small, because together, sharing truly does bring hope. Again, thank you to everyone who gave in last year's campaign. Your gifts help to make a significant difference in thousands of people's lives. By working together, we can make our communities a better place to live for everyone.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Murrow/Principal

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