



January 10, 2017

Dear Friends and Families of La Scuola,

We are delighted to announce that our annual fundraising gala, La Dolce Vita, will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2017** at Bespoke in the Westfield Center in San Francisco.

La Scuola, founded in San Francisco in 2002 as La Piccola Scuola Italiana, has grown from a small playgroup of Italian-American and Italian families to a thriving International community of over 200 families from preschool to 5th grade. This past Spring, our elementary school became San Francisco's first IB World School, a designation shared by select schools around the world whose goal is to prepare children to be global citizens - academically, culturally and socially.

Funds raised at La Dolce Vita have provided essential income to advance and sustain La Scuola over the years. Our school is a destination for educators, architects and designers from all over the world because it is an exquisite example of the role that the environment plays in learning – a key tenet of the Reggio Emilia philosophy. In addition to our beautiful buildings and spaces, your generosity helps to support these unique programs:

- The Arts – ateliers where children experiment with a multitude of materials
- The Gardens – where children learn environmental studies
- The Food – hot lunches prepared daily for the children
- The Yards – magical places where the children get to run, climb and play

Our fundraising goal this year is \$200,000 – please help us surpass it! Remember, your donations are tax-deductible. We expect more than 400 guests at the event and will acknowledge our sponsors and donors publicly for their support. Please save the date and contact the LDV committee at LDV@lascuolasf.org with any questions.

We thank you for your support! Grazie Infinite!

La Dolce Vita 2017 Co-Chairs

Jen DiZio (Franklin, Grandissimi West)

Stephanie Franco (Judah, 1st Grade)

Brook Sheahan (Beatrice, 2nd Grade & Holton, Kindergarten)

Megan Storti (Dylan, 1st Grade)