



Dear Supporter:

On March 31, 2012 the Suffield Foundation for Excellent Schools will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction Dinner Dance at the Sheraton Hotel Bradley Airport in Windsor Locks, CT. Please consider donating to this year's "***SFES Is Going on a Safari***" gala which will include a silent auction, live auction, dinner, and dancing. The funds we raise go directly back to our schools and help support educational programs and opportunities beyond the tax supported budget.

Over the past 9 years, SFES has raised and granted over \$500,000 to the Suffield Schools. In October 2010, our organization won recognition by the Connecticut Consortium of Education Foundations when it was selected as the sole winner of the Celebrating Excellence Award among Connecticut Education Foundations. This award is a testimony to SFES, our Community and those individuals and businesses who have continuously supported this organization throughout the years.

This year is our 10<sup>th</sup> Auction! The success of our organization over the past nine years is a reflection of your generous support. We ask that you kindly consider donating to SFES in the form of a product or service. All donations appear in our auction catalog and website. Not all businesses have tangible items to donate, so if this is your situation and you are interested in supporting us, we would be happy to accept a cash donation that will be used to purchase an auction item in your name. If you prefer, advertising space is available in the catalog and these funds are also used to obtain auction items with credit given to your company in the auction catalog. Please see our website [www.SFES.org](http://www.SFES.org) for more information.

Kindly review the enclosed donation and advertising request forms. Additional forms can be obtained on our website. The deadline for submitting donations for our Auction is March 16, 2012. The need for donations is greater than ever. In these difficult economic times, we are working hard to make the 2012 Auction Dinner as successful as years past. However, we greatly need your help to do that.

Please contact Christine Mercadante at 860.668.6822 or [cmercadante@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmercadante@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or need to arrange for special delivery or collection of your donation. If you would like to attend the Auction Dinner, please let us know. The entire Board of SFES and the students of Suffield thank you for your generosity and support!

Very truly yours,

Chelen Kost, President

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