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The Franklin School of Innovation, a tuition-free charter public school in Asheville serving grades 5-12, has been offering a challenging college bound education for middle and high school students since August 2014. We opened our doors with 280 students. In just a few years we have grown to 730 students, graduated 6 classes of seniors, opened the last phase of our larger, permanent building and state of the art gym this fall, and have dealt with the Covid-19 crisis while not sacrificing the academic success of our students. The support of our teachers, families, community members and businesses has been an integral part of our success.

In March, we will be hosting our bi-annual auction event, “Innovating for Ten, Trailblazing for Tomorrow.” As a Charter School, we do not receive the same funding that city and county schools receive and we received no funding for construction of our permanent buildings. All proceeds from this event will support our continued mission to prepare the next generation of leaders, capable of solving problems and participating effectively and ethically as local and global citizens.

The curriculum at the Franklin School of Innovation is based on an EL (Expeditionary Learning) model created collaboratively between Outward Bound and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. With a service learning and project-based curriculum, we believe that education takes place at school as well as in the community. Through challenging academics, real-world learning and community engagement, our students discover their potential, recognize the value of others and are prepared for the future they will create.

For this event, we would like to request a donation for our Silent Auction. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit (tax id: 46-1548530) and your donation would be fully deductible to the extent allowed by law. In exchange, we would be honored to promote your business!

We appreciate your support and welcome a partnership commitment towards our future. You can contact us at galacrew@thefsi.us regarding donations or sponsorships.

Sincerely,

Michelle Vruwink
Executive Director