Dear Parents:

Each August our school foundation, Friends of La Jolla Elementary ("Friends"), launches an Annual Giving Campaign to raise funds to bridge the gap between public funding and the resources needed to provide an enriched education. Now more than ever, Friends needs the support from families to help our school maintain excellence in this unprecedented time.

The benefits that Friends plans to offer this year include:

- An additional full-time classroom teacher to reduce class size and reduce combination classes
- Three support teachers to work with students in small groups in mathematics and literacy
- Enrichment programs: staffing and materials for art, music, and technology
- Technology improvements
- An account for each teacher for supplies and educational enhancements in science, engineering, and art

Friends is also planning for the unexpected due to the pandemic - our goal is to be in a position to answer “yes” when our school, teachers, and administrators call on Friends for funding to improve the safety, education, and community experience of our school.

Last year, the benefits we provided averaged $1,300 per LJES student.

Our fundraising focus this year is to encourage 100% participation at the donation level that is appropriate for each LJES family, with the understanding all families are making sacrifices and facing adversity. Each and every dollar counts, and no contribution is too small.

Please join us in giving the gift of an enriched education to every student at our extraordinary public school. Together, with your generosity, we can continue to ensure our children receive the best possible education and experience.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Van Clief
Annual Giving Chair

P.S. Donors who have contributed or pledged $1,000 or more by October 16, 2020, will receive a “Friend of La Jolla Elementary” yard sign in recognition of your support.

A donation form has been enclosed for your convenience. Alternatively, donations can be made on our website at www.friendsofljes.org/annual-giving-campaign.