



December 2017

*A Message From*

**Ryan C. Eisenberg**, Executive Director



## **The Season of Giving**

With the holidays approaching, and as we near the end of our first semester, it is important for us to recognize all the support that makes our work possible. It is with a warm heart that the AchieveKids community thanks you for your generosity and kindness this year. It is a tremendous feeling seeing everyone support us through our special events, school-wide activities, annual campaign, and in touching letters and notes. All of these help us meet the needs of complex learners within our community.

Thank you from the entire AchieveKids team.  
We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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## **Festival of Trees**

Our 34th annual Festival of Trees was a huge success. Over 150 guests enjoyed the holiday boutique and luncheon at the University Club in Palo Alto. Several of our students brought "The Man in the Arena" by Theodore Roosevelt to life for us which was a special treat. Sharon Barkoff, our guest chef, demonstrated the art of making German chocolate cupcakes for the holidays. This year half of the net proceeds from Festival of Trees will be deposited in the AchieveKids endowment fund, ensuring our programs are built to last for years to come!



## Spotlight on our Donors



Nancy and David Kalkbrenner are very special donors. They have been a part of our AchieveKids community for over 20 years. Nancy was introduced to AchieveKids when she joined the Peninsula Children's Auxiliary in 1997. She was President of their board twice as well as chairperson for Festival of Trees for three years.

When asked why the Kalkbrenners support our endowment fund Nancy replied: "AchieveKids is so vital to the community and the surrounding areas. It is important to have a strong endowment fund as it guarantees the school will be here for many generations. It is important for our most complex learners to have such wonderful specialized support and become as productive as they can be."

Currently Nancy serves on our board of directors and is a member of our endowment committee. She is always encouraging her friends and people she meets to support AchieveKids by attending our special events and taking a tour of our schools. "What AchieveKids does in terms of all the special services they offer and to see the success they have with their students just warms my heart" said Nancy.

AchieveKids is very lucky to have such a strong community of donors and it is our honor to spotlight Nancy and David Kalkbrenner in this season of giving!

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## Reminder

It is not too late to contribute to AchieveKids annual campaign. The deadline for tax deductible charitable contributions is Sunday, December 31st. Please help us reach our goal for 2017!



**Transition Begins the Day a Student Enters Our School**

For more information on how you can sign up for a school tour or to learn more about our program please contact: Karin Klarreich, Director of Development at 650.213.5286 or [kklarreich@achievekids.org](mailto:kklarreich@achievekids.org)

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