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Wayside Schools Foundation Hosts Annual Benefit Gala
The Extraordinary Story will be held March 29 at Chateau Bellevue

AUSTIN, TEXAS – Wayside Schools Foundation will host *The Extraordinary Story*, an annual benefit gala, on March 29. The theme of this year's event is *An Evening With Gatsby*.

Wayside Schools Foundation is a charitable organization that serves as a catalyst for generating and distributing external resources to support the educational programs of Wayside Schools.

Wayside Schools is a free public charter network that provides an International Baccalaureate (IB) education to primarily lower-socioeconomic scholars in Southeast Austin. Because Wayside's five schools are public charters, they receive approximately \$1,500 less funding per child each year than their ISD counterparts. To bridge this gap, fundraising is crucial to fulfill the school's mission to provide a college-preparatory education to all scholars, regardless of race, zip code or income.

Held at Chateau Bellevue in downtown Austin, *The Extraordinary Story* is an opportunity to share the journey of Wayside's scholars and raise awareness for the school's mission. All contributions supporting the event are tax deductible, and all proceeds will benefit the scholars of Wayside Schools.

Tickets and sponsorships are available. Please visit www.waysideschools.org/gala to purchase.

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About Wayside Schools Foundation

Wayside Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization governed by an independent Board of Directors made up of business and community leaders. The Foundation was created in January 2017 to support and enhance the work of the Wayside Schools charter network.

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Wayside Schools is an open-enrollment, tuition-free Pre-K3-12 public charter school network that provides over 2,100 scholars across its five Southeast Austin schools with an International Baccalaureate (IB) education. The network is made up of three elementary schools and one secondary school. Its mission is to prepare scholars to be college ready, community engaged, global citizens through a rigorous, community-enriched education guided by the IB framework and personalized instruction.