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Dear Friends and Supporters,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I'm thrilled to share that I will be serving as the honorary host for this year's **Prairie Stars Dinner and Auction**. This event is our chance to gather, celebrate, and support the outstanding programs at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center.

As someone deeply committed to education, I'm delighted to announce that this year's **Fund-a-Need Paddle Raise** will focus on establishing a new **nature preschool at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center**. For those of us who treasure education and the great outdoors, this initiative is a dream come true. Just imagine our young ones learning and growing surrounded by the beauty of nature – it's truly magical!

I warmly invite you to join us at the Prairie Stars Dinner and Auction on **September 5, 2024, at 5:30pm** at the Pavilion. Come prepared to raise your paddle or bid online for some fantastic items. Your presence and participation will make a significant impact.

For more information and to register, please visit our website at prairiewoodselc.org. If you're unable to attend, please consider sending a gift using the enclosed return envelope. Your generosity will help us create a wonderful nature preschool and continue the vital work of Prairie Woods.

Let's unite to make this nature preschool a reality. Your support will provide our children with a unique educational experience and a lifelong love for nature.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Prairie Woods. I look forward to seeing you at Prairie Stars and working together to create a brighter future for our children and our community.

With gratitude,

Colleen Thompson Michels
Honorary Host, Prairie Stars Dinner and Auction



Learning to live well with self, others, and the environment.