

— Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser —



BRIDGET BARATTA

**Nominated by
The Pine School**

Bridget's fine hand is obvious to all of those intimately involved in the success of The Pine School's fund raising efforts. To those who benefit from her work, however, her efforts and her successes are not readily apparent. She is eager for projects to accomplish and exceed their goals, but she is not eager for the spotlight to shine on her personally. She is the epitome of the perfect Volunteer: well-educated in the ways of philanthropic giving, passionate about the causes with which she associates herself, and persistent in the pursuit of the greater good.

Bridget chaired the Annual Campaign for The Pine School last year, personally soliciting our families and assisting her committee of volunteers in telling a compelling story of the need for their support. Through her efforts, The Pine School had the most successful Annual Campaign in its history.

Fresh from that success, Bridget agreed to chair the Sponsorship Committee for Evening at Auction, the most significant fund raiser at The Pine School each year both for the amount of money raised and for the purpose of the funds: financial aid for academically qualified students. In concert with the Chairs and other committee members of Evening at Auction, Bridget enabled The Pine School to raise more money than in any previous year and to break all records for attendance at the event.

During our \$10 million Capstone Capital Campaign, Bridget was a tireless worker as a member of the Executive Committee that planned the campaign and one of its most devoted solicitors. That campaign reached its goal and stands as one of the largest and most successful capital campaigns in the region. She has followed that success with opening the door to a million dollar gift that The Pine School has secured for its arts program.

This level of volunteerism is typical for Bridget. For the past five years she has been at or near the center of every successful fund raising project at The Pine School as well as a volunteer for every friend-raising activity and parent-volunteer project. For her efforts, her commitment, her passion, and her ability to inspire others, Bridget exemplifies the Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year.