

The Gower Foundation brings you



The Gower Gala

A charity gala for the benefit of District 62

OCTOBER 17, 2026

MARRIOTT HOTEL BURR RIDGE

More details at gower62foundation.com



The Gower Foundation is excited to announce plans to host our **Biannual Gower Foundation Gala on October 17, 2026**. It will be a festive and fun social event for our community and we ask for your support through a tax-deductible donation. Your generosity will allow us to continue offering the programs and events that the Gower community enjoys.

Gower Middle is looking to invest equipment for STEAM experiences for students and performance acoustical panels. These resources will be used for years to come.

Gower West would like to add to the outdoor play space adding additional sensory experiences for student learning and shading area for greens space. This can be used by the greater community all year round.

To make this happen we need your support in raising \$60,000!

The Gower Foundation for Excellence in Education is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization. We serve students in the Gower 62 School District, which includes families in Burr Ridge and Willowbrook. **We are dedicated to enriching the educational experience of all Gower students through opportunities that support their education and social-emotional growth at school and in the community.**

This includes experiences and events such as the parent speaker series, documentaries for parents, student enrichment programs, as well as providing funding for classroom and communal resources.

Sponsorship commitments are due by June 1, 2026. Any commitments beyond June 1st, they will be subject to limitations of branding opportunities.

Interested in pursuing a sponsorship? SCAN here to learn more.



Contact Alissa Derza at President@gower62foundation.com to discuss your sponsorship.

2026 Highlights

Student Development

- Read-A-Thon
- BAM Theatre
- Celebrating Differences
- Reality Store
- Author Visits

Staff Support

- 100+ books purchased for school libraries & classrooms
- New kiln purchased for West
- Scorer's table and chairs purchased for Middle
- Learning Garden funds for West
- New Basketball hoops at West

School/ Community

- Hosted Parent Info Panels
- Parent Webinars on digital safety
- Officially launched Wait Until 8th Campaign to support parents with resources on delaying smartphone use with children

Sponsorship Opportunities

All sponsors will have the opportunity to provide promotional materials or small giveaways for inclusion in event gift bags.

Platinum Sponsorship

\$5000

- Exclusive recognition as Platinum Sponsor in all promotional materials
 - Prominent logo placement on the event website with a link to the sponsor's website
 - Acknowledgment in the opening and closing remarks during the gala
 - VIP tickets (4 seats in total) at the gala with preferred seating
 - Special mention in pre/post-event communications and social media posts
 - Recognition in the school newsletter reaching over 600 families
 - Premier Logo placement for Step and Repeat Banner
 - Dedicated space on the Gower Middle Digital Marquee
 - Signage at prominent gaming table acknowledging your support
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Gold Sponsorship

\$2500

- Recognition as a Gold Sponsor in all event promotional materials
 - Logo placement on the event website with a link to the sponsor's website
 - Acknowledgment in the opening remarks during the gala
 - VIP tickets (2 seats) at the gala
 - Mention in post-event communications and social media posts
 - Recognition in the school newsletter reaching over 600 families
 - Logo placement for Step and Repeat Banner
 - Signage at gaming table acknowledging your support
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Silver Sponsorship

\$1000

- Recognition as a Silver Sponsor in event promotional materials
 - Logo placement on the event website with a link to the sponsor's website
 - Acknowledgment in the opening remarks during the gala
 - Company name listed in post-event communications and social media posts
 - Recognition in the school newsletter reaching over 600 families
 - Logo placement for Step and Repeat Banner
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Bronze Sponsorship

\$500

- Mention in post-event communications and social media posts
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With Gower Gratitude

All Gower Family businesses that become sponsors will receive special acknowledgement on the Gower Foundation website and social media during the Gala.