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Be a WITS Champion for SAL's 2022 Back-to-School Fundraiser to support Writers in the Schools (WITS)!

It's that time again to support our WITS Writers-in-Residence as they prepare for a new school year, inspiring and engaging local K-12 public school students through creative writing.

For our 2022/23 Season, SAL has committed to raising WITS writer pay by 15%. As Seattle's cost of living increases significantly each year, we're dedicated to continuing supporting our writers so they can not only live and work in this city, but also create, inspire, and tend to their art in meaningful ways.

And, as the world evolves around us, our fall fundraiser is evolving, too. **This year's fundraiser will be an online campaign throughout September**—in which we'll send weekly emails highlighting different aspects of WITS—that culminates in an in-person celebration at the Olympic Rooftop Pavilion at Stoneburner on Friday, September 30. **We hope to reach our \$160,000 goal before September 30**, so we can truly toast to our success and celebrate all we've accomplished as a community.

To make this fundraiser successful, we need our community's help!

If you believe in the necessary and inspiring work of teaching artists, support wider access to creative writing across generations, and sing praises about our youth programs at every opportunity, **consider being a WITS Champion and rally support for WITS!**

Being a WITS Champion involves just three easy steps:

1. **By August 26, send a personalized letter by mail to 10 (or more!) of your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors** to support WITS. (We'll provide the letter and stamps.)
2. **By September 16, send a follow-up email** to remind your guests (if they haven't already) to make a gift in support of WITS.

3. **(Optional) Join us on Friday, September 30 at 5:00 pm** for a cocktail hour to celebrate the WITS community. The evening will feature a writing lesson, a poetry reading by WITS writers and our 2022/23 Seattle Youth Poet Laureate Sah Pham, and an opportunity to make a donation to close the gap. The cost of admission will be on a sliding scale, and availability is limited. More details to come!

Interested in being a WITS Champion? Email Events & Annual Giving Manager Woogee Bae at wbae@lectures.org for details on how to get involved! To learn more about our fundraiser, visit lectures.org/WITS2022