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Dear Friends,

Jeans and Jerseys are back for our **Game Day Gala** on **Thursday, April 11, 2019** at Ecclesia. This is your chance to play in the game and be a part of **Project 88**, connecting thousands of high school students to opportunity as they navigate the college application process. Join the team along with our founding chairmen **Hannah** and **Cal McNair** and **Lisa** and **Chris Seay** and host committee chairmen **Jon** and **Amanda Weeks**, **Megan** and **Brian Cushing**, **Angela** and **Owen Daniels** and **Caroline** and **Kevin Walter**. The evening is sure to have a high score with your favorite NFL players, incredible auction items, games and quite a few surprises we just can't wait to share.

We appreciate your support and hope you will be a sponsor to help connect underserved students to opportunity, which ignites generational change. We believe that ALL students are capable of productive and successful futures. Sponsorship information is enclosed.

The Game Day Gala benefits Project 88, an organization Garrett and I started to positively impact the lives of Houston area students as they approach college. According to a recent 2018 report, Houston-area schools average around 900 students for every 1 counselor. Many of our Houston students lack access to information about applying for college, a process that can be complicated and overwhelming without the proper guidance.

Project 88 works to improve that ratio and bridge the gap between students and higher education institutions in several ways:

- We partner with Advise TX (TAMU) to place exceptional recent college graduates from all fields of study on high school campuses, as near-peer college advisors to lead low-income and first-generation students to college. During the 2017-18 school year, Project 88 was able to sponsor eight Advise TX college advisers to serve in Houston-area public schools!
- We fund EMERGE students and workshops, so that we can continue to empower and prepare high-performing students from underserved communities to attend and graduate from selective colleges and universities across the nation.
- We support students as they explore careers after high school through BridgeYear, a program that offers career test drives to students so that students can experience a hands-on experience before pursuing postsecondary options.

We look forward to changing lives together.



Garrett and Ericka Graham
Founders