Pilot Light is deeply appreciative of individual donors whose generosity helped us build a strong foundation in food education and continues to sustain our growth. Together, we are empowering children to create a better food future for themselves and their communities.

2010 Initiator Circle
Pilot Light began in 2010 when four prominent Chicago chefs collaborated with schools to better our community through food. 2010 Initiator Circle members supported Pilot Light with frequent contributions during our first ten years, helping us to become a leader in the field of food education.

Impact Circle
Philanthropists in our Impact Circle take a leading role in our development through cumulative contributions of at least $50,000 to Pilot Light. Their gifts have catapulted our ability to bring food education to children. Our Impact Circle members are invited to an annual call with our Executive Director, Alexandra DeSorbo-Quinn, so that we can best share our latest results and answer any questions about Pilot Light.

Annual Recognition Circles
Pilot Light is incredibly grateful to all thoughtful donors who make annual gifts. We recognize them as members of the circles listed below based on their cumulative annual giving. With their support, together we are expanding our food education programs to serve more students in Chicago and across the nation.

Spark Curiosity: $1,000 and Up
*Spark Curiosity Circle* donors are gratefully acknowledged on our website.

Ignite: $5,000 and Up
*Ignite Circle* donors are gratefully acknowledged on our website. They also receive early notification of Pilot Light events and early access to ticket sales.

Engage: $10,000 and Up
*Engage Circle* donors are:
- gratefully acknowledged on our website. They also receive early notification of Pilot Light events and early access to ticket sales;
- invited to Pilot Light Illuminated, where donors observe a Food Education Fellow teach a lesson and see first hand how teachers incorporate Pilot Light into their curriculum. If school policy continues to restrict visitors, we will hold a video conference with Katie Colvin, our Director of Education, and one of our Fellows in lieu of Pilot Light Illuminated.

Illuminate: $20,000 and Up
*Illuminate Circle* donors are:
- gratefully acknowledged on our website. They also receive early notification of Pilot Light events and early access to ticket sales;
- invited to Pilot Light Illuminated, where donors observe a Food Education Fellow teach a lesson and see first hand how teachers incorporate Pilot Light into their curriculum. If school policy continues to restrict visitors, we will hold a video conference with Katie Colvin, our Director of Education, and one of our Fellows in lieu of Pilot Light Illuminated.
- invited to an annual call with our Executive Director, Alexandra DeSorbo-Quinn, and one of our founding chefs so that we can share our latest results and answer any questions about Pilot Light.