



*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 supporting students as they build the skills and knowledge 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 have taken a leading role in Pilot Light's development through cumulative contributions of \$50,000 or more. Their gifts have catapulted our ability to create a highly effective approach to food education and continue to support our growth as we strive to reach more students and teachers.

## Annual Recognition Circles

***Thank You!** Each year, Pilot Light relies on the generosity of thoughtful supporters to sustain and advance our food education programs. Through your contributions, we are reaching more students and teachers each year as well as enhancing our framework to offer more layers of support to educators. Because of you, more students and teachers experience the positive impacts of food education.*

***Recognition Circle Event:** Our inaugural Recognition Circle event was held in 2021 and featured a virtual beer tasting and tour of Old Irving Brewery, hosted by their brewmaster, Trevor Rose-Hamblin. Following the tasting, the Pilot Light staff presented an update and answered supporters questions about our programs.*

### **Circles**

Spark Curiosity: \$1,000

*Spark Curiosity Circle* donors are gratefully acknowledged on our website.

Ignite: \$5,000

*Ignite Circle* donors are gratefully acknowledged on our website and receive early access to gala ticket sales.

Engage: \$10,000

*Engage Circle* donors are:

- gratefully acknowledged on our website.
- receive early access to gala ticket sales;
- invited to our annual Recognition Circle event.

Illuminate: \$20,000

*Illuminate Circle* donors are:

- gratefully acknowledged on our website.
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- invited to our annual Recognition Circle event.

In addition, one of Pilot Light' founding chefs will call Illuminate Circle donors to personally thank them for their support.