

# What a PTA Charter Can Do

## PTA ...

- Offers a fast, simple and cost effective way to set up a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
- Provides an Employer Identification Number (EIN) (Tax ID number) that allows you to open bank accounts and receive tax-deductible donations from members, businesses, other organizations.
- Allows numerous choices and flexibility in structuring your organization.
- Provides a set of bylaws that are the legal documents of your organization. These will outline the structure of your PTA according to the specifications your group chooses; officer positions and responsibilities, meeting information, money handling guidelines, membership information, relationship to National, State, district, and council PTAs, and fiscal year information.
- Provides information and resource materials you will need to get your organization up and running and to help you continue to operate while protecting your organization's assets and non-profit status.
- Provides you with a secretary's minute book and a treasurer's book to get started.
- Allows you to participate in our low-cost group insurance program.
- Provides a network within the PTA organization to gain and share ideas, receive training and information, advocate for children, discuss problems, apply to for various grants and scholarships and participate in wonderful programs such as our "Reflections" art program.
- Fosters parent involvement. Parent involvement has been proven by three decades of research to be the greatest predictor of student success.
- Provides a broad range of opportunities to advance your PTA participation and knowledge either within your local unit or on to other levels of PTA.
- Gives the PTA name recognition that, backed with the strength of nearly six million members nation-wide has become a strong and respected voice advocating for all children and youth.

