



Dear Friend:

Hyde Park Day School's annual benefit will be held on February 28, 2025 at the Bryn Mawr Country Club. This year we are celebrating 25 years of transforming the lives of bright children with learning disabilities. The gala will include our silent and live auction, featuring an array of unique items and one-of-a-kind experiences. We are excited to invite everyone in our community to get involved in this year's event. We hope you will consider donating an item to our event for use in the auction. **All proceeds of this event go to our Bright Futures Scholarship Fund.** Your donation will be listed in our online auction descriptions and/or event program book.

Hyde Park Day School is the only elementary school in the Chicagoland area that exclusively serves children of average-to-superior intelligence who have diagnosed learning disabilities. A non-profit, independent school serving students from 1st through 8th grade, HPDS has three campuses, one in Chicago's Hyde Park/Woodlawn neighborhood, one in Lemont, and one in Northfield.

HPDS educates a unique group of children whose complex learning needs cannot be served by traditional schools. Students typically struggle with dyslexia, sensory processing disorders, and language-based or visual learning disorders. In addition, many have co-diagnosis of ADD, anxiety, or depression. By the time they reach Hyde Park Day School, many of these families are frustrated, demoralized, and desperate for a better learning environment for their child.

The costs associated with providing this resource-intensive program are significant. Approximately 30% of the families receive some financial assistance in order for their child to attend HPDS. **All of the proceeds of the annual fundraiser benefit the school's Bright Futures Scholarship Fund. Your support will enhance the school's ability to admit qualified students, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.** If the appropriate intervention for these learning disabilities does not occur, these children are at a much higher than normal risk for dropping out of school, depression, and drug use. HPDS provides strategies and supports that help students become successful learners and reach their full potential.

Hyde Park Day School's annual benefit is truly a school-wide celebration where parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the community join together for an evening of fun and philanthropy. With your support, we hope to raise over \$200,000 in scholarships for deserving students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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