



Dear Friend:

Hyde Park Day School's 2026 benefit, Pathway to a Brighter Future, will be held on March 6, 2026, at the Bryn Mawr Country Club. 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 on our online auction website 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 is incorporated under the Leslie Shankman School Corporation; our FEIN is 36-3900221.

HPDS educates a unique group of children whose complex learning needs cannot be served by traditional schools. Students typically struggle with language-based learning disorders, such as dyslexia. In addition, many have co-diagnoses 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, and so is the need. Approximately \$475K in scholarship assistance was distributed to families for the current school year. **All of the proceeds of the annual fundraiser benefit the school's Bright Futures Scholarship Fund. Your support will allow the school to serve students who would benefit from our specialized program, despite limited family means.** 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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