



SUPPORTING LOCAL STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Who? STARS is the Intensive Education Academy's (IEA) annual evening of celebration and fundraiser. IEA is a private, state-approved, nonprofit special education facility in West Hartford that offers a nurturing, individualized learning environment for students aged 5-21. Many of our students experience high levels of anxiety. Our smaller class sizes, individualized instruction and a focus on compassion allow us to support these students. Founded in 1971, by Sister Helen Dowd, and known as "A School Built on Love," IEA is a nonsectarian ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph and a 501(c)3 organization.

What? STARS is IEA's Annual Evening of Celebration. Over 150 attendees from all across Connecticut and Massachusetts join us for an evening of fun and fundraising! This year we are able to celebrate in person with dinner, dancing, music, entertainment, inspiring speakers, silent and live auctions. We are looking for auction items, sponsors and attendees! Funds raised this year will support construction of an outdoor amphitheater to serve students and honor our founder, Sister Helen Dowd.

When and Where? Friday, March 8, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Farmington Polo Club in Farmington, CT.

Why? 3 in 20 students in the United States will need special education services. Many times these services are outside the scope of what a traditional school setting is able to provide. IEA can help!

IEA offers:

- 7:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- 100% special education certified teaching staff
- Individualized, nurturing, whole-child approach for every student
- On-site speech and language, occupational therapy, counseling and behaviorist services

How? Just fill out the forms enclosed! If you would like to donate an auction item, or become a sponsor, easy to fill out forms are attached. If you'd like to purchase a ticket, or just learn more about our school, please visit www.ie-academy.org/stars, call 860-236-2049 or email Lorine Zdanowski, Donor Relations and Development Coordinator at lzdanski@ie-academy.org.