



SUPPORTING LOCAL STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WHO? STARS is the Intensive Education Academy's (IEA) annual 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 nondenominational ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph and a 501(c)3 organization.

WHAT? STARS is IEA's Annual Evening of Celebration. Over 250 attendees from all across Connecticut and Massachusetts join us for an evening of fun and fundraising! The evening includes appetizers, a delicious dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing. We are looking for auction items, sponsors and attendees!

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:

- ☆ 5:1 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, counselling and behaviorist services
- ☆ Assistive Technology including iPads available for every child's use

How? Just visit www.ie-academy.org/stars, call 860-236-2049 or email Christianna Connery, Director of Resource Development at cconnery@ie-academy.org.