



## 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 nondenominational ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph and a 501(c)3 organization.

**WHAT?** STARS is IEA's Annual Evening of Celebration. Over 200 attendees from all across Connecticut and Massachusetts join us for an evening of fun and fundraising! This year we'll be hosting STARS In Your Backyard, an opportunity for guests to host mini parties safely at their homes, while we offer a LIVE virtual event with music, entertainment, inspiring speakers, silent and live auctions and a party box for guests. We are looking for auction items, sponsors and attendees!

**WHEN?** The STARS LIVE virtual event on Friday, Nov. 5th at 7:00 PM, but guests can celebrate anytime over the weekend.

**WHERE?** The party will take place at each guest's home; the virtual event will be held on ZOOM

**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, counseling and behaviorist services
- Assistive Technology including iPads available for every child's use

**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](http://www.ie-academy.org/stars), call 860-236-2049 or email Christianna Connery, Director of Resource Development at [cconnery@ie-academy.org](mailto:cconnery@ie-academy.org).

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