

Gala April 20 at Woodway Club to Benefit Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities

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Tickets are now on sale for Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities' April 20 benefit gala, "Minds in Bloom: Cultivating Growth for Kids with Learning Differences."

— *an announcement from* [Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities](#)

The event will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20 at Woodway Country Club, 54 Hoyt St. Gala tickets are \$250 per person; \$2,500 per table, and are available for **purchase** [online, here](#).

"Minds in Bloom" will feature a cocktail reception with music from Norwalk guitarist Glenn Roth, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Sherry Truhlar of Red Apple Auctions will serve as Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer.

A few of the auction items are: Yankees v. Red Sox tickets, a long weekend in the Hamptons, a pre-theater dinner plus a show at Westport Country Playhouse, a Sunset Cruise on Long Island to include food and beverages, among other sought after items and experiences.

A variety of gift cards to Fairfield and Westchester County restaurants will also be in play during the ever-popular, Live Auction Feeding Frenzy.

Customized sponsorships are offered at varied levels, ranging from \$1,500 to \$15,000 — for details, contact founder Jane Ross at (203) 216-3196. Dress is festive attire; all are welcome.

Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities is a Norwalk-based nonprofit dedicated to educating and empowering parents of children with learning and attention differences.

On April 20, the organization will present a Community Service Award to Marc Hoffman — educational entrepreneur, motivational speaker, and national LD/ADHD advocate.

Six local and long-distance students with learning differences will also be recognized and awarded for their success and notable accomplishments. These recipients of the 2023 Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Awards will be announced at the Gala.

A board member of Smart Kids with LD, Marc Hoffman is the founder of the Hoffman Education Group, an organization that offers customized educational advocacy and consulting services for students and their families. He is also the founder and president of Strong Start Early Care and Education, with schools in Trumbull and Shelton.

Diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD at age 8, he provides unique and deeply personal insights into the most effective ways to help all learners reach their potential. In addition, Hoffman is the author of "Positive Mindset, Self-Awareness, Perseverance: A Guide to Thrive with Learning Differences/ADHD."

"It is truly an honor to receive the Community Service Award from Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities, an organization that empowers and educates families and children with learning and attentional differences. I continue to be in-spired by Smart Kids' work towards helping the world embrace differences and accept that intelligence comes in many forms," said Marc Hoffman, Founder and Executive Director of Hoffman Education Group and Strong Start Early Care and Education.

Smart Kids with LD extends many thanks to its Gala sponsors, some of which include: Platinum: Marc Hoffman; Gold: Bridge Program at Wooster School; Silver: The Southport School, Sasco River Center, Fairfield County Bank, and JT Hoffman Attorneys At Law; Bronze: Winston Preparatory School, The Anxiety Institute, Russo & Rizio, LLC, First County Bank, and Eye to Eye National (in honor of Marc Hoffman).

"We look forward to a wonderfully festive evening," said Jane Ross, founder and executive director of Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities. The youth winners of the 2023 Fred J. Epstein Youth Achievement Awards "demonstrate the wonderful gifts and talents and the very promising future of young people with learning differences," she said.

More About Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities

[Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities, Inc.](#) is a Norwalk-based nonprofit organization dedicated to fulfilling the potential of children with learning and attention challenges by educating, inspiring, and empowering their parents via its educational programs, award-winning website and blog, and free e-newsletter.

The organization also educates the public about these children's gift and talents. Henry Winkler, Golden Globe and Emmy Award-winning actor, director and author, serves as the organization's honorary chairman.