



2024 SPRING BENEFIT

The Success of the Spring Benefit Depends on YOU!

What is the Spring Benefit?

Harbor's Spring Benefit is our largest community-builder and fundraising event, and is co-hosted by the Parents' and Alumni Associations with HCDS. This year's event will take place from 7-11pm on **Friday, March 22** at the **Waterview at Port Jefferson Country Club** and will feature a fun-filled program, including:

- casino tables
- silent auction
- an exciting live auction and fund-a-grant paddle raise
- cocktail reception, dinner, and dancing

Proceeds from this event will help to provide additional support and enhancements for school programs. The Spring Benefit has a rich history of raising pivotal funds that have supported professional development opportunities for faculty, the purchases of additional classroom and playground equipment, new Chromebooks, and enhanced library resources, to name just a few examples.

Here are some ways parents can help support the event:

- **Donate** new goods and services for the auction and raffle prizes.
- **Join us on March 22!** The benefit is a fun, community-building event that you won't want to miss! The link for buying tickets will be coming soon!
- **Join** local businesses and Harbor families to support the Spring Benefit as an Event Partner or underwriter.
- **Volunteer** and become a part of our team! We have many opportunities, both large and small, for you to get involved. We would love to have you work with us!
- **Bid! Bid often, and bid high!** Our silent auction has amazing items and once-in-a-lifetime experiences – there is something for everyone!

Please refer to the back of this page to learn how you can help get amazing donations for HCDS! Utilize your network and the businesses you already frequent. Please do not go out to buy a gift certificate as it may sell for less than your cost. Instead, please donate directly to the Spring Benefit or consider becoming an Event Partner!

What is an Event Partner?

Event Partnerships are opportunities for families and businesses to help underwrite the costs of the event. Your support is vital, and partners receive amazing benefits and business exposure. Email us at parentsassociation@hcdsny.org if you or a business you know might be interested! A list of partnership and underwriting options are available on the event website and on the hard copy invitation.

How to get donations for HCDS?

Make a list of your network.

- Your kids have probably taken more classes than you can count, right? Think of some specific places that might donate a free session of classes? A birthday party?
- A grandparent has a country house, might they donate a week-long stay? A weekend stay?
- A good friend has Yankees season tickets? Might they donate tickets and parking?
- Have a favorite restaurant or coffee shop? Ask them for a donation while you dine.

Share our purpose. Every penny raised directly supports the extraordinary educational experience our children receive every day and donations are fully tax-deductible!

Share the benefits. Donors get something too! As a thank you, your business will be featured as a donor on our school website, which will be viewed by the entire Harbor community (including current parents and grandparents, alumni, past parents, and trustees).

Get the details. What are the specifics of the donation? When does the donation expire? What's the Fair Market Value? Any other restrictions?

*Top Donation Ideas**

Unique Experiences & Ticketed Events

- Exclusive viewing spots for NYC events
- Backstage access tour for concerts, Broadway shows, TV shows, movies, NY landmarks, and museums, etc.
- Table reservations at 'hot' restaurants like Wayan, The Banty Rooster, Colors, etc.
- Meet & Greet: breakfast, lunch, or coffee with a celebrity, CEO, author, etc.
- Tickets for concerts and shows: Broadway, off-Broadway, Lincoln Center, children's theater, etc.
- Tickets for a Talk Show: SNL, Today Show concert series, The Daily Show
- Tickets for sporting events or a movie premiere

Food & Dining

- Restaurant Gift Certificates
- Cooking lessons at home or cooking school
- Fine wines or gourmet food baskets
- Private wine or craft beer tasting

Travel

- Airline miles/tickets
- Helicopter or boat tours
- Hotel and vacation home stays

Beauty & Fitness

- Private shopping parties
- Gift certificates for clothing, makeovers, fittings
- Haircut/color, blowouts
- Massages, facials, mani/pedis, day spa
- Personal training sessions
- Rounds of golf
- Tennis sessions
- Cross Fit/Other memberships

Home

- Landscape design & maintenance
- Home fitness equipment
- Home fitness memberships
- Interior design
- A/V Installation service

Due dates for Donations & Digital Advertisements

- March 1 - Donations of goods and services are due
- March 4 - Deadline for Partner ads to be included in the digital event journal

**** If you have any questions, suggestions, donation ideas, or are interested in getting involved, please contact**

- For Partnerships: Cynthia Lippe (cwong.lippe@icloud.com) or Ned Puchner (nedpuchner@gmail.com)
 - For Auction Item Donations: Jennifer Tona (jennifer.tona@gmail.com)
 - For General Event Planning Support: Jennifer Taggart (jtaggart@hcdsny.org)

Together we look forward to having a fun and successful event!

Thanks for your support! – Spring Benefit Committee