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## **Steppingstone Announces the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Fundraiser Auction Date**

### **Proceeds Go Toward Supporting Gifted Education**

**Plymouth, Mich.** - Steppingstone School for Gifted Education, a beacon of excellence in gifted education for over 40 years, today announced that its 31st Annual Benefit Fundraiser Auction will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 6 p.m. EDT to midnight, at the St. Mary's Cultural Center located at 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

Steppingstone School has been at the forefront of nurturing and educating young minds. We are dedicated to providing a superior learning environment for the uniquely gifted child – academically, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. We welcome everyone as partners with Steppingstone School for Gifted Education in unlocking the full potential of underserved gifted children.

The journey of providing education for students who think and learn differently comes with its challenges. Tuition alone does not cover the entirety of the costs associated with running an independent institution of Steppingstone's caliber. The school relies heavily on the support of the community, contributions from families, faculty, staff, and board members, and the generosity of sponsors to continue the development of its facilities, activities, and programs.

The Annual Benefit Fundraiser Auction serves as a vital event in Steppingstone's calendar, bringing together a community of supporters who believe in the school's mission and vision. This event is not just about raising funds; it's about celebrating the spirit of giving, community support, and the bright future of our gifted students.

The school cordially invites individuals and businesses to be a part of this grand event, either as attendees or sponsors. This year's event will start at 6 p.m. EDT. This year's event theme is a celebration of the French Riviera. Guests will join us for the experience of Cote d'Azur glamour and luxury for the evening. Along with wine, dinner and entertainment, the event will feature raffles, 50/50, silent and live auctions, and the opportunity to invest in this year's special purpose. The funds raised from this event will sustain our efforts to promote educational excellence and shape the future of countless gifted minds. Early Bird ticket prices are \$70, and table for ten guests \$650 until December 15, \$75 and \$700 afterwards. Table sponsorship opportunities are available to feature your generous support of Steppingstone School. To learn more about the event, visit [www.steppingstoneschool.org/steppingstone-auction-2024](http://www.steppingstoneschool.org/steppingstone-auction-2024).

### **About Steppingstone School**

In response to a group of ten families who needed an educational program for their gifted children, Kiyo A. Morse founded Steppingstone School in 1981 as an independent, elementary day school in Plymouth, Michigan. With Steppingstone's growth and previous locations in nearby communities, in 2018 Steppingstone relocated to Plymouth Arts & Recreation Center (PARC) in downtown Plymouth Michigan. We are happy to be back home and to be able to give back to the community where our journey began. With a rich history and a promising future, the school continues to set benchmarks in gifted education, ensuring every student reaches their full potential. Additional information about Steppingstone School can be found by visiting our website [www.steppingstoneschool.org](http://www.steppingstoneschool.org).

Steppingstone is an independent, accredited 501(c)(3) non-profit school (Young K - Grade 8) for gifted students and does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, gender/preference, religion or national or ethnic origin in the administration of any school policy or program.