## You Are Invited…

34th Annual Benefit Auction
1993 2027
Hosted by Steppingstone School

… to Steppingstone's 34th Annual Benefit Auction Event "Deep Sea Soiree"

**Tickets**

**Early Bird before December 18, 2026**
**$ 75.00 Individual Ticket**
**$ 750.00 Table for 10**

*After December 18, 2026*
*$ 85.00 Individual Ticket*
*$ 850 Table for 10*

I would like to purchase:

____ Individual ticket(s) $_____

____ Table(s) for Ten $_____

**TOTAL PRICE $_____**

_____ Cash _____ Check _____ Credit Card

Visa/Master Card#: _____

Exp. Date: ____/____/_____ V-Code*: _____
*V-Code is the 3-digit number on the back of most cards.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tickets are **NOT REFUNDABLE**; however, if you notify Steppingstone that you are unable to use your purchased tickets on or before **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2027**, we will consider the paid amount a donation and will issue a tax letter.

## Auction Keepsake Catalog

**Business or Tribute Ads**

Steppingstone commemorates our Auction event with a Keepsake Catalog highlighting special auction items and recognizing our students with Tribute ads. Donors will be acknowledged in our Auction Keepsake Catalog and weekly school newsletters; however, we will also honor requests for anonymity.

| Price | Ad Placement |
|---|---|
| ❑ $750 | Outside back cover (7.5 x 10 color) |
| ❑ $500 | Inside front cover (7.5 x 10 b/w) |
| ❑ $500 | Inside back cover (7.5 x 10 b/w) |
| ❑ $400 | Full-page (7.5 x 10 b/w) |
| ❑ $200 | Half-page (7.5 x 5 b/w) |
| ❑ $100 | Quarter-page (3.75 x 5 b/w) |
| ❑ $ 75 | Business Card (2 x 3.75 b/w) |
| ❑ $ 60 | Large Student Tribute (3.75x5 b/w) |
| ❑ $ 30 | Small Student Tribute (2x3.75 b/w) |

Please attach business cards or email files to auction@steppingstoneschool.org. Ads should be in Black and White, 133-line screen, 300 or better DPI. Please identify the image format when sending electronic files (i.e. .pdf or .tiff are preferred) Ads are due by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2027.**

Faculty and trustees are dedicated to Steppingstone's mission of providing a superior learning environment for the uniquely gifted child - academically, intellectually, socially, and emotionally. Presently, this population is one of the most underserved but one that can impact our society in the most productive ways. As you know, tuition cannot cover all expenses and this is why we are reaching out for your support. Let's see that these children have the best opportunity to develop into productive and caring individuals who will move our society forward in a positive manner.

**Sponsors**

I will help maximize the fundraising potential of the auction by donating the following cost:

- ❑ $5,500 Dinner Sponsor
- ❑ $1,000 Entertainment Sponsor
- ❑ $ 500 Dessert Sponsor
- ❑ $ 400 Auctioneer Sponsor
- ❑ $ 300 Bar Sponsor

Or I will donate at the following level:

- ❑ $5,000 and up Platinum Key Sponsor
- ❑ $3,000 to $4,999 Gold Key Sponsor
- ❑ $2,000 to $2,999 Silver Key Sponsor
- ❑ $_____ General Sponsor

**Donor Receipt**

**Auction Donor Information**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Print name of Steppingstone Rep:

_____

☐ Item(s) – See form on reverse

**TOTAL PRICE: $_____**

Pledges and donations received after **Friday, February 5, 2027**, may miss the print deadline, but still will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged in our weekly newsletter and may be printed in our Auction insert. Contact **JASON RODER** if you have questions at **248-957-8200.**

**Steppingstone School for Gifted Education**
650 Church St., Rm. 119, Plymouth, MI 48170
Email: auction@steppingstoneschool.org

Donations are tax-deductible (**EIN #38-2377598**) as a contribution to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt educational institution as far as the law allows. Details regarding your particular situation should be checked with your tax advisor.

**Non-discrimination Statement** Steppingstone is an ISACS-accredited, independent state-approved 501(c)(3) non-profit elementary school (Young K-8) for gifted students. Steppingstone does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, gender, religion, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of any school policy or program.

**Please Return This Portion to Steppingstone**
**Auction Item Information**

Donor Name _____

Email _____

Phone_____

**Item and Description**

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Estimated Value $ _____

Minimum Bid $ _____

☐ Item attached

☐ Item may be picked up (provide details below)

☐ Item will be dropped off / Date: _____

☐ Other instructions

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X_____

Authorization Signature / Date

Tangible objects donated for auction MUST be new items, authentic antiques, art, or artifacts. Service and gift certificates donated for Auction MUST be from reputable sources. The Steering Committee believes that the guidelines for donations are clear. Final decisions regarding the suitability of auction items will be at the discretion of the Steering Committee.

## About Steppingstone School

Steppingstone School, The Center for Gifted Education, has served Michigan students since 1981 believing that every student, including the gifted, deserves a satisfying, challenging, and joyful education. Gifted learners are under-served and at risk without differentiated and integrated learning. Incorporating critical thinking and problem solving based on individual abilities among same-age peers keeps the gifted student engaged, functioning well, and able to maximize their potential contributions to self and society.

Committed to addressing the academic, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs of gifted students, Young K through Grade 8, students are challenged with the next level of instruction as soon as they reach mastery of the subject matter. As a result, our average student studies math two grades above level and reading 2 to 5 grades above level. This atypically rapid pace with time for special interest studies unlocks the gifts and the joy often trapped by traditional school structures.

Supplemental coursework is offered in music/performing arts, computer programming, foreign languages, community service, and fencing. In addition to basic skills, Steppingstone provides a home for the Steppingstone MAgnetic Resonance Training (SMART) Center.

The only one of its kind, the SMART Center provides training and access to an authentic research laboratory experience with Electron Spin Resonance instrumentation plus data collection and analysis equipment normally available only to graduate students at major universities.

Steppingstone has the only independent educational program in southeast Michigan that is solely focused on serving the needs of students who have performed in the gifted range according to an individually administered IQ evaluation.

David Liou
Head of School

STEPPINGSTONE SCHOOL
THE CENTER FOR GIFTED EDUCATION

Presents

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**Saturday, March 13, 2027**
**6:00 pm - 11:00 pm**

**St. Mary's Cultural Center**
**18100 Merriman Rd.**
**Livonia, MI 48152**

https://steppingstoneschool.org/steppingstone-auction-2027/