

2023 CONNECTIONS GALA  
*Hearts*  *Hands*  
Enchanted Garden of Hope

Dear Friend,

October 19, 2022

Did you know that one out of every 44 children in America is being diagnosed with autism today? The rising prevalence of autism is shocking, and it means that autism is no longer someone else's concern. It's going to be part of all of our lives, and we will all interact with people who have autism.

At Connections, we're working hard to meet the needs of local students who have autism with high-quality educational and therapeutic services. We're a nonprofit center that serves students ages 3-22, and we offer a specialized program for young adults with autism who need help transitioning to adulthood with vocational and independent-living skills. More than 80% of our students come from disadvantaged families, and public funds fall significantly short of the cost to deliver these life-changing services.

To raise much-needed funds that will enable us to continue this work and to celebrate the incredible people in our school and community, we're holding our fifth annual **Hearts and Hands Gala "Enchanted Garden of Hope"** on **February 11, 2023**, at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach. The gala promises to be a vibrant evening with delicious food, good friends, music and dancing, and an exciting silent and VIP auction that offers something for everyone!

As co-chairs, we are asking for **YOUR HELP** to make this year's event the most successful ever! In addition to attending the event, **please consider donating items to our silent auction**. The sale of each item helps us reach our fundraising goal. You will be highlighted at the event with signage, on our social media platforms as well as in our beautiful program book. Most of all, you will be supporting a great cause and helping empower students with autism.

To confirm your silent auction donation or to learn more, please contact Charleen at (561) 328-6044 or [cdecort@connectedpb.com](mailto:cdecort@connectedpb.com).

Gratefully yours,



Carol Kaufman  
Event Co-Chair



Laura Pope  
Event Co-Chair

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