

Dear Friends of IDEAL:

On February 25, 2019, The IDEAL School of Manhattan will sponsor its 14th Annual Gala raising money to help ensure our students will receive an individualized, inclusive education that allows them to reach their full potential. As a young school, we depend directly on the funds raised at this event and auction to support critical components of our program such as academics, teacher salaries, athletics, art and music, and tuition assistance. Your generous contribution will help us meet the needs of all of our students and directly help our school fulfill its mission.

The IDEAL School of Manhattan is an independent, nonprofit school that opened its doors in September 2006. IDEAL is an inclusion school dedicated to creating a diverse community that affirms and accepts the full identities of all people, while inspiring academic excellence, creative leadership, and a desire to build a more just and equitable world. With a population that includes students of different races, religions, cultures, family configurations, socioeconomic backgrounds, and abilities, the dream of a truly diverse independent school has become a reality here at IDEAL.

Here's how you can help:

- 1. Please consider contributing an item to the silent auction. The item can be donated by you, your employer, or your favorite business. Some items that have sold well at past auctions include destinations, summer home stays, trips, unique experiences, theater tickets, children's experiences, clothing and accessories, and more. I have enclosed a donation form for you to complete by February 11, 2019.
- 2. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend the event on **February 25, 2019**. This year the Gala will take place at <u>Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers</u>. We encourage you to bring friends, family, or colleagues.

All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 212-769-1699 x10014 or pdonini@theidealschool.org. Thank you for your consideration and thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely, Patricia Donini Head of Advancement The IDEAL School of Manhattan



2019 Gala Auction Donation Form

Contact Information Donor/Company Name*:_____ Contact person (if different from above): Mailing address: ______ Phone: _____ Email: _____ * As you would like it to appear in event materials **Auction Item Information** Name of auction item: ______ Donation is: Tangible Item Gift Certificate Donor estimated value (required): ______ Solicited by: _____ Please describe item below. For service prizes, include the actual service prize certificate when submitting this form. If a certificate does not exist, the school will create one with the information provided by the donor/company. Examples of service prizes include, but are not limited to, restaurants, hair salons, fitness training sessions, etc. All services expire one year from the date of the event unless otherwise specified. Signature: _____

Please return this form along with your donation to:

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