

Life is Sweet at the J

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP BALL
2021

..... Virtual Gala
Saturday, February 27, 2021
Samantha Lee & Lea Radom, Chairs

..... 31 Sweet Years
Benefiting the Irvin Kaplan
Children's Scholarship Fund at the Evelyn Rubenstein
Jewish Community Center of Houston

THE J REACHES ALL CHILDREN

In-person or online, the J reaches all children. Our youth programming engages children and teens of all ages beginning at six weeks old.

The J's Early Childhood Education programs offers year round infant care, full day preschool and an inclusive special education program in safe and nurturing school environments.

The **Merfish Family Infant Care Program** and our preschool program allow children to learn through active investigation of their environment while playing with peers and teachers. For young children, academic and social-emotional learning is developed as children construct their knowledge through hands-on individual and group educational experiences.

38% of our Early Childhood students receive financial assistance.

AT THE J



ONLINE



The reimagined summer camp, Summer Fun at the J, launched in July and welcomed children in kindergarten through 5th grade back to the J with restricted class sizes and social distancing. The J also expanded their virtual offerings for children in kindergarten through 12th grade with remote summer camps including WITS (Writers in the Schools), Theatre, Code Ninjas and Big Idea.

In September the J launched a new program for kindergarten through 8th grade, School Days at the J. This program provided quiet learning spaces and teacher supervision for students to participate in their virtual school programs while their parents worked.

23% of our Summer Fun at the J children receive financial assistance.

THE KAROL MUSER STARS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

STARS is a unique program that provides an integrated inclusion-based approach to preschoolers with developmental delays and diverse abilities.

Children enrolled in the STARS program engage every day in a general education classroom with support. This support allows them to participate in all class activities while receiving their therapies in a blended model. STARS offers therapeutic intervention in a natural context, adhering to each child's Individualized Education Program designed to facilitate an expansion of their skills and goals. Therapies available for children in the STARS program include occupational, physical, art, music, speech and language.

The STARS program is nearly four times the cost of traditional preschool programs. Children are eligible to receive assistance from the funds raised by the Ball and the Soph & Al Natkin STARS fund.

70% of our STARS students receive financial assistance.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT

The Children's Scholarship Ball has **raised over \$13 million and helped over 9,500 children since 1991** to support the Irvin Kaplan Children's Scholarship Fund.

This fund provides financial support for children to participate in our **Merfish Family Infant Care Program**, **Karol Muser STARS Early Childhood Intervention Program** and our early childhood education program at the **Bertha Alyce and Ellen Boniuk Early Childhood Schools** as well as the J's Summer Day Camp program.



How to Help

- **PURCHASE TICKETS AND TABLES**
Tables of 10 and individual tickets may be purchased starting at \$3,000 and \$300 respectively.

- **BE A CORPORATE SPONSOR**
Purchase a corporate table or provide goods and services for the event.
- **SUPPORT THE SILENT AUCTION**
The silent auction helps raise over 20% of the scholarship funds each year. Donate an item, gift certificate or a unique experience.

**For more information, visit erjcchouston.org/csb
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