



Board of Directors

Shoma Haque
Executive Director

January 18, 2019

Judith Katz
Board Chair

Dear Friend of Steps to Success,

Patrick Dober
*Executive Director
Brookline Housing
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We hope you will consider becoming an early sponsor of our annual Step Up for our Stars Gala on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, to help support our shared vision of Brookline as a community where all students can attain their educational, economic, and life goals into adulthood. At the gala, over 250 guests from all over Brookline come together each year to celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

Karina Da Rosa
*College Success
Initiative*

Scot Huggins
STS Parent

As you may know, Steps to Success is a community-based nonprofit organization, that works to bridge the opportunity-gap for students and families living in Brookline public housing, by providing year-round supports for students starting in the 4th grade all the way through college graduation. We help our students thrive by providing free programs that offer after-school enrichment, career and college preparation, and college success coaching. Over 80% of our 350 students are students of color and come from families with low-income.

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STS Parent

Livia Schachter

Sponsoring the Annual Step Up for our Stars Gala helps to level the playing field by ensuring that our students have:

- early exposure to 21st century skill-building, such as communications, teamwork, and deep engagement in learning
- internships that build meaningful work experiences and wages
- a network of professional mentors
- college preparation and coaching for college retention
- access to camperships and outdoor experiences

Samantha Hew, one of our College Success Initiative students, is now a junior at Emmanuel College. At last year's Gala, she had this to say about the impact that Steps to Success had on her educational journey:

"Although our STS advisors expected a lot from us, so much was given. There were laptops to borrow, computers and printers to use, a safe space where we could vent, find homework help, or even just a snack. Our advisors also served as role models, whether they knew it or not, showing us what real commitment looks like and instilling in us a drive to give back...Before we were coaxed into the Steps to Success family, we didn't know how to ask for help. And now, grateful for the guidance of opportunities, we want to give back. It's no surprise so many of us become counselors, doctors, teachers, nurses, and social workers."

Whether you are an individual resident of Brookline or run a business, as a sponsor, you can help students like Samantha reach their educational and life goals. Sponsorship levels and benefits are described on the reverse of this page. Please sponsor today by using the enclosed remittance envelope.

Thank you for your commitment to our students.

Sincerely,

Shoma Haque, *Executive Director*

Judy Katz, *Board Chair*

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*Superintendent
Public Schools of
Brookline*

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Annual Step Up for our Stars Gala Event Sponsorship & Tickets

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 6:00pm at Dexter Southfield School

Program Description: This event is the signature fundraising event for Steps to Success each year and brings together over 250 attendees including our families, individual donors, community partners, volunteers, and corporate sponsors. We are grateful for your sponsorship at any level.

\$25,000 - Supernova (16 tickets, 2 reserved tables)

For Supernova sponsors, this includes a full-page ad in our program book, your logo prominently displayed on event materials, the STS website, event slideshow, social media acknowledgements, logo and name on signage as a proud sponsor, a complimentary invitation to every STS event throughout the year, and an invitation to speak at a Steps to Success event.

\$10,000 - Over the Moon (16 tickets, 2 reserved tables)

For Over the Moon sponsors, this includes a full-page ad in our program book, your logo prominently displayed on event materials, the STS website, event slideshow, social media acknowledgements, and logo and name on signage as a proud sponsor, a complimentary invitation to every STS event throughout the year, and acknowledgement during event remarks.

\$5,000 - Deep Space (16 tickets, 2 reserved tables)

For Deep Space sponsors, this includes a full-page ad in our program book, your logo prominently displayed on event materials, the STS website, event slideshow, social media acknowledgements, and logo and name on signage as a proud sponsor.

\$2,500 - Solar System (8 tickets, 1 reserved table)

For Solar System sponsors, this includes a full-page ad in our program book, your logo displayed on event materials, the STS website, and event slideshow, social media acknowledgements, and name on signage as a proud sponsor.

\$1,000 - Milky Way (6 tickets)

For Milky Way sponsors, this includes a half page ad in our program book and your logo on the STS website, on event materials, and event slideshow.

\$500 - Northern Lights (4 tickets)

For Northern Lights sponsors, this includes a quarter page ad in our program book, your name on the STS website and on event materials.

\$125 - One ticket to the Step Up for our Stars Gala



Annual Step Up for our Stars Gala Event

I will proudly sponsor the Steps to Success Annual Gala at the following level:

- Supernova \$25,000 Over the Moon \$10,000 Deep Space \$5,000
 Solar System \$2,500 Milky Way \$1,000 Northern Lights \$500

I will buy _____ tickets for \$125.00

Payment Amount: \$ _____

Payment can be made in three ways:

By Check mailed to PO Box 470421, Brookline, MA 02447
Please make checks out to Steps to Success

By Credit Card:

Credit Card Type: Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Name (as appears on card): _____

Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____ Billing Zipcode: _____

Signature: _____

Online: stepstosuccessbrookline.org/donate