

## OVERVIEW FOR DONORS TO THE GILLEN BREWER BENEFIT

The Gillen Brewer School is a not-for-profit, NY State-approved school that addresses the diverse needs of children from throughout New York City with severe, often multiple, developmental, language, emotional and learning disabilities. Gillen Brewer's goals are to provide students with a stable and nurturing learning experience, to facilitate their ability to communicate, provide academically challenging curriculum, to increase their self-esteem and to prepare them for more mainstream settings.

Our intensive 12-month program serves 86 children from 2.8-10 years of age. In addition to the academic curriculum, students receive a variety of services during the school day including speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, play therapy/counseling, as well as movement, art, music and a sports program.

Specialized schools, like Gillen Brewer, exist to serve children whose needs cannot be met in a NYC public school setting. But, New York State funds cover *only a portion* of Gillen Brewer's annual budget, resulting in a nearly ***\$15,000 budget gap per child***. Thus, Gillen Brewer relies on family, community-business, and corporate support to make up the balance required to maintain our highly trained and dedicated staff and the specialized education necessary to fulfill our program objectives.

Gillen Brewer's annual auction is our largest and most important parent-run fundraising event of the year. All proceeds from the event will be used to support our program. The 86 children at Gillen Brewer and their families will be extremely grateful for any contributions made to the auction or to the school directly. Notice of your contribution will be prominently displayed in the auction journal.

The Gillen Brewer School is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**THE GILLEN BREWER SCHOOL**

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