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Community Invited to the 2025 Hearts & Hands Gala — Celebrating 10 Years of Transformation in the Autism Community

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Sept. 30, 2024 — The community is invited to join local autism supporters for an evening of celebration and philanthropy at the 2025 Hearts & Hands Gala that will be held Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach. This year’s event celebrates **10 Years of Transformation**, marking a decade of life-changing education and services at Connections, a local nonprofit that serves students and adults with autism.

The 2025 Hearts & Hands Gala promises a memorable evening featuring an elegant dinner, live music and inspiring stories of transformation from the Connections community. As the school commemorates its 10th year, supporters celebrate the organization’s remarkable growth and the lives changed by this work. Proceeds from the event will fund specialized education, therapeutic services, independent-living instruction, and vocational training for students and adults with autism.

“When we opened our doors in 2015, we welcomed 22 students. Today, we serve 140 students and adult clients,” says Debra Johnson, executive director and principal of Connections. “With the support of our community, we’ve seen incredible life transformations, and we’re excited to celebrate the amazing achievements of the last 10 years with great optimism for the future.”

Businesses and philanthropists are invited to align with this impactful cause by exploring sponsorship opportunities. Sponsors will be prominently recognized at the event and across the organization’s platforms and will help provide critical resources for students and adults with autism.

The 2025 Hearts & Hands Gala will be an unforgettable evening of celebration and community. Guests will have the chance to connect with other supporters and witness firsthand the impact their involvement has on the students and adults served by Connections.

For more information, visit connectedpb.com/heartsandhands or call (561) 328-6044.

About Connections:

Connections is a nonprofit educational center that delivers high-quality, specialized instruction to students with autism in Palm Beach County. The organization serves students ages 3-22 years and offers an innovative day program for adults with autism. Learn more at connectedpb.com.

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