



# Golfing for Kids *and Tennis Tournament*

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**Supporting The Arc Westchester's  
Children's School for Early Development**

Providing educational, social and support services for children, from birth to five years of age, and their families.

## Who We Are

Following the dream of a mother looking for playmates for her child with special needs, The Arc Westchester's Children's School got its start in a church basement in Pelham, NY over 50 years ago. Today, the school continues to be one of the largest providers of community-based, specialized services for young children with developmental disabilities in Westchester County, NY.

The Children's School for Early Development is an early intervention and special education preschool program that provides comprehensive services and support to children from birth to five years of age, and their families.

We believe the earlier infants and children receive instruction in early learning concepts, communication, fine and gross motor skills, and self-help skills, the better their chances for long-range success. Our mission is to help children, who would be at risk before they reach their elementary school years to develop the tools they need to optimize their educational future.

## What We Do

- Early Intervention Services for children from birth to age three: Over 125 children and their families receive services including evaluations, service coordination, special instruction, speech services, and parent-child support groups.
- Preschool Programs for children from three to five years of age include specialized classes and others held in community classrooms where children can learn alongside typically developing peers. Currently, we provide services within our 11 special education preschool classes located in 5 different community-based sites in Tarrytown, Hawthorne, Ossining, Mount Kisco, and Katonah. A total of 78 students will be enrolled in these classes for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Our classes are designed to meet the needs of a variety of learners including students on the autism spectrum, those in need of social-emotional support, children with speech and language delays and children with global developmental needs – all of whom are classified as preschoolers with a disability.

## Building Blocks for Successful Future

The Children's School runs at a significant deficit every year due to a continual lack of equitable funding from New York State – which was further impacted by the recent COVID-19 health crisis. Students attend The Children's School at no cost to their families.

As a result, we rely on additional funding through grants and special events such as Golfing for Kids which allows for The Children's School to remain open, active and effective in providing young children with the learning opportunities and supports they need in order to achieve life-long educational and developmental success.

**Proceeds from Golfing for Kids provide us with the tools to build strong well-being for all our children.**

Just a few examples include . . .

- Technology and access to on-line learning materials and activities used to enhance instruction.
- Class trips to integrate community learning with classroom instruction.
- Furniture, therapeutic and art supplies, and toys for all classrooms.
- Staff development workshops and conferences presented by leaders in the field of early childhood special education.



## How You Can Help?

- Spread the news of the event to family, friends, and business associates
- Obtain or contribute silent auction prizes
- Purchase a sponsorship
- Play golf, sign up for a golf foursome, play tennis and/or attend the banquet
- Make a donation

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