

In 2013 and 2014, the Hastings Community Education Little Learner Scholarship Fund received a \$3000, then \$4000 Challenge Grant from United Way of Hastings. With your help, we more than matched that amount—and we've been able to provide scholarships for nearly one-third of all children and families attending early childhood classes.

For 2015, we're again relying on your generosity as we received a \$4000 Challenge Grant from the United Way of Hastings. Help us match or exceed our goal again, at our Tilden Preschool Annual Fundraiser: **Relax, Shop and Connect**. **All funds raised go directly to scholarships for students in our Community Education preschool program.** This event is organized and run by parent members of the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC).

Here's how YOU can help:

- **Mark your calendar—Thursday, April 30, 4-6 p.m. at the Onion Grille.** Complimentary light appetizers and a cash bar.
- **Relax!** Enjoy a few hours raising money for a great cause.
- **Shop!** Shop various vendors for early Mother's Day gifts or for yourself. Silent auction items include a football autographed by Coach Jerry Kill; a Zach Parise Wild jersey; a 3 day, 2 night stay at Waldheim Resort in Finlayson www.waldheimresort.com
- **Connect!** Learn about various groups and organizations who provide services in Hastings.
- Tickets: Presale, \$5. At the door, \$8. Purchase your tickets at Tilden Community Center, 310 River Street.
- **Donate items for the silent auction.** Contact Early Childhood programs Coordinator Angie McGinnis, amcginnis@hastings.k12.mn.us, 651-480-7678 with your donation or for more information.
- **Spread the word!** Attached is a flyer about the event. Please consider displaying this in your place of business. Invite your peers and colleagues to join you at this event.

No Hastings child should miss out on early childhood learning. Help us assist deserving families in providing this critically important experience for their child. Then make a difference in the lives of Hastings' youngest learners! Join us on Thursday, April 30th at our Tilden Preschool Annual Fundraiser: Relax, Shop and Connect.

See you there!

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