

Chester County Futures schedules 15th Anniversary Gala to raise funds for mentoring of disadvantaged students

Passport To Possibilities is theme of black-tie event

Chester County Futures is holding its 15th anniversary black tie gala to raise funds for after school mentoring programs for 400 disadvantaged at-risk students.

More than 700 deserving disadvantaged students have taken part in Futures' after-school programs since the doors opened 15 years ago. The students come from some of the poorest areas of Chester County, often victims of long-standing family poverty.

Gala proceeds will benefit the 400 students ages 11 to 17 who are counting on Futures this school year. Futures' aims to ensure they get the help they need to grow up to become self-sufficient, contributing adults.

The gala takes place on Saturday, April 14, 2012, from 7:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the historic Phoenixville Foundry ballroom in Phoenixville. Tickets are \$150 and include a four-course dinner, open bar, dancing to the sounds of the 11-piece James Gerard Orchestra, a keepsake gift and grand prize giveaways. Tickets may be purchased on line at www.ccfutures.org or by contacting Lori Doyle, 610-458-9926, ldoyle@ccfutures.org.

The theme of the night is Passport To Possibilities. The celebrity emcee for the evening will be multi-award winning journalist and philanthropist, Lynn Doyle, host of *It's Your Call with Lynn Doyle*, seen nightly in the Philadelphia area at 7:00 p.m. on RLTV.

The Phoenixville Foundry dates to 1882 and is a National Historic Registry site restored with an artful blend of industrial charm and stylishly elegant interiors.

Chester County Futures is a poverty-prevention college access program providing academic and mentoring services to hundreds of disadvantaged students, ages 11 to 17. The organization has raised more than \$5.5 million in the last 15 years to support after-school programs operating in 13 Chester County schools. During that time, hundreds of Futures' students graduated on time from high school and 93 percent went on to college or trade school. That's four times the national average for poor and minority students. For more information, see www.ccfutures.org.