



# Join Us

*For An Evening Not To Be Missed!*

## 8th Annual Gala & Auction

Enjoy an Evening in Old Havana Featuring Cuban Inspired Tapas and Cocktails, Casino Games, Dancing, Cigars, and a Live & Silent Auction.  
All to Support Morning Star School!

Saturday, September 28th ~ 6:00 to 10:00 pm

The Haskell Building

111 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Please RSVP by September 18th  
Cocktail or Tropical Chic Attire Suggested

Tickets \$75 per person

Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, complimentary cocktails, dancing, casino games, cigar bar, great auction items and lots of fun surprises!

For more information visit  
[morningstar-jax.org/gala-auction](http://morningstar-jax.org/gala-auction)

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School

*A fundraiser benefiting the only special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine.*





Morning Star School serves children in Kindergarten through 12th grade with learning differences, attention deficit disorders, autism spectrum disorders, and mild intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1956, we are the only special education school in the Diocese of St. Augustine. Our school is dedicated to helping children with learning differences become productive, responsible, functioning members of society.

Proceeds from this year's Gala are directed towards our Annual fund which helps "bridge the gap" between the actual cost to educate a child with learning differences and/or intellectual disabilities and the average tuition. Our current "gap" is \$2,450 per child. Because our school has a unique model — a 12 to 1 student-teacher ratio, tuition alone only covers about 80% of the actual cost per student. Your gift not only supports Morning Star School's operating budget, it helps provide tuition assistance to families in need, purchase technology and educational tools, field trip transportation, building maintenance and so much more. Thank you for your support.

## Meet Christopher



*"My son is in 2nd grade. This is our second year at Morning Star School. He is a sweet, loving and bright kid. At his previous school he constantly got in trouble. We had many behavioral and academic difficulties. He hated school and struggled to get through the day. As I researched schools a friend recommended Morning Star. The moment I walked in, I knew it would be a great fit! His class size is very small which provides a very intimate one-on-one time with his teachers, and the staff is well trained and experienced in handling outbursts and misbehavior. After the first week of school, Christopher would ask "mom is there school tomorrow"? My reply was "yes of course", and his instant reply was an excited "YESSS"! It was a much-needed confirmation for a very worried mother wondering if her decision to place her child at Morning Star School was the right one. Christopher is still a work in progress, but he is learning and loves his new school. He has shown great improvement, even at home."*  
**Nancy Martinez, (mom)**