We are so excited that you are interested in attending our virtual gala! We always love gathering as a big group at the Sheraton Framingham and celebrating the youth we serve, but like everything else this year... we had to cancel our big in-person shindig. This year, we'll gather online!

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers:

Q1: I'm so busy! Is it going to be time consuming to join the online event?
A1: We totally understand! We know that even staying at home gets busy, especially if you have a full house! We have purposefully made this year's event short - 45 minute max - and we are including so many kid friendly components!

Q2: I'm not tech savvy, is this going to be hard to join?
A2: We've taken the hard work out of this process! An hour before the event starts, you'll receive an email with a direct link to join the live stream.... all you need to do is click it! The website will ask you to confirm your email address (to double confirm that you have a paid-for ticket) and then, voilà! You'll be watching the live stream!

Q3: Wait, I thought you said the event is only 45 minutes long! What is the 30 minute pre-show?
A3: The 30 minute pre-show is going to be jam packed with live music and fun games, but truly this is a time for people to log in, get comfortable with the technology and start sipping on your mocktail or cocktail!

Q4: I'm still having tech troubles! Or, I'd just prefer to talk to a person and make my donation over the phone!
A4: Our Gala Hotline is ready to help! Call us at 508-485-4912 and we can help you out! Prior to the day of the event, you'll need to ask for the Resource Development Office, but during the event, the line will be 100% dedicated to Gala questions!

Other Questions? Contact laura may at laura.may@bgcmetrowest.org or 508-485-4912.
Key Dates

- **October 15, 2020: Swag Bag Email Survey**  
  You’ll be receiving an email from us asking if you can pick up your swag bag or if we need to deliver/mail it. Please respond by 10/21 in order to guarantee that you’ll receive your swag bag in time.

- **October 26, 2020: Pick Up and Delivery of Swag Bags**  
  We will start offering pick up and delivery times of swag bags this week!

- **November 2, 2020: Auction Launches**  
  You’ll receive an email with the link to the auction site! Bidding stays open all week!

- **November 4, 2020: VIP Content Launches & 24 Hour Countdown**  
  You’ll get two emails from us on November 4: access to your VIP content & the 24 hour countdown reminder!

- **November 5, 2020: Live Event**  
  The Pre-Show starts at 5:30 with live music and fun, interactive games... but the main show doesn't start until 6! Open up your swag bag and enjoy the goodies during Gala!

What Else Can I Expect?

We are so excited for this year's event! It's going to include so many of the "fan-favorites" from our typical gala. You are going to receive a program book that will include an auction preview, a remit envelope, and some other quick “how-to” guides that will be helpful for the night of the event!

After some live music, games, speeches from Club Kids and other surprises, we will going into the Fund-a-Need portion of the evening. This year, we will be focusing on raising $40,000 just from the Fund-a-Need to support critical COVID-19 recovery programming within our Clubs. Our youth are facing new challenges and more challenges that ever before. This funding is critical for us being able to meet our goals -- without you, this programming won’t happen.

Gifts can be made during the event week through the auction software, during the live stream through a donate button, or you can pledge your support. If you would prefer to mail a check or cash, please feel free to email laura.may@bgcmetrowest.org with your pledged amount and that will count towards our night of event goals!