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## Easton Learning Foundation anniversary party March 13 includes silent auction

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The Easton Learning Foundation (ELF) will celebrate its five-year anniversary with a party Saturday, March 13 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Aspetuck Country Club, 67 Old Redding Road, Weston, Connecticut.

Founded in 2004, the nonprofit ELF is a volunteer organization that focuses on quality education and lifelong learning. It funds initiatives outside the school budget, builds community support for education, and partners with the school district.

ELF has been focusing on raising funds for an Engineering and Innovation Lab at Helen Keller School. It has raised \$60,000 toward the \$115,000 project. The goal is to raise the rest of the funds by May 2010.

The lab will be a hands-on science and technology class designed to challenge and engage the natural curiosity and imagination of middle school students. It will replace the school's wood shop and is part of the Project Lead the Way initiative to emphasize science, technology, engineering and math.

The United States is experiencing a high-tech staffing crisis. America is falling behind other countries in graduating students in fields such as engineering, science, medicine, architecture and information technology, which are required for a nation to succeed in the high-tech, high-skills global economy.

Tickets to ELF's March 13 party are \$60 each, with hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and cash bar (each party ticket-holder will receive two free cocktails of his or her choice). Dress is business casual; no denim. Go to [eastonlearningfoundation.org](http://eastonlearningfoundation.org) to find out more.

The anniversary party silent auction already has started on the ELF Web site, [eastonlearningfoundation.org](http://eastonlearningfoundation.org). On-line bids will be accepted until March 12; it is also open to people who will not attend the party. Guests at the party have the last chance to out bid someone.

Auction items includes a Yamaha grand piano (courtesy of Fry's Piano), golf outings, sightseeing airplane flight, gymnastics birthday party, fire engine ride to school, and horseback lesson.

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