

**School for Language and Communication Development Holds Evening of Honor 2011 Gala
Brad Gerstman of Gotham Government Relations & Communications
Serving on the Charitable Gala Committee**

October 20, 2011; Mineola NY – On Friday, October 21st, the School for Language and Communication Development (SLCD) will hold its Evening of Honor 2011 Gala. The night is a celebration of SLCD’s achievements over the past 26 years. Brad Gerstman, Partner at Gotham Government Relations & Communications, is a member of the Gala’s Committee, while also advocating for the needs of SLCD through Gotham, New York’s fastest-growing lobbying and communications firm.

“SLCD started in 1985, with an enrollment of 36 preschoolers and has grown to a multi-campus school serving over 400 children with language and autism spectrum disorders,” says Gerstman. “I’m honored to donate my time to serving such an inspirational institution.”

One of SLCD’s biggest accomplishment’s this year was their first group of high school students graduating from SLCD’s Richmond Hill High School facility and moving onto college. SLCD provides vocational training for these students, which is instrumental in their life-long success and gaining employment, post-high school. SLCD knows their students better than anyone else; which is why they were approved as a Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) Provider through the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). This will enable SLCD to continue to serve their students upon graduation through several different day, residential, and habilitative services.

ABOUT THE GALA

For more information on the Gala and to contribute or buy a ticket, please visit www.SLCD25.com.

ABOUT BRAD GERSTMAN

Brad Gerstman is a well-known advocate for individuals with disabilities and special needs. He is a member of Adelphi’s President Advisory Council, was Vice Chair of the Long Island Medical Foundation, Governor’s appointee to his Advisory Council on Interactive Media and Youth Violence, and was Chairman of the Tom Suozzi Long Island Autism Coalition. He was recently honored by the Child Abuse Prevention Services. Brad also represents a number of special needs schools, charities, and other developmental disability entities through his work at Gotham.

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