

## HMI's Annual School's Out Benefit Supports LGBTQ+ Community

The Hamptons witnessed an inspiring and memorable event as Hetrick-Martin Institute (HMI) welcomed hundreds of generous donors to a stunning private home in Water Mill. The event's primary focus was to raise funds for HMI's critical work in supporting LGBTQ+ youth. As the nation's oldest youth organization catering to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual individuals ages 13-24, HMI's vital initiatives were at the forefront of the gathering. The evening was marked with an enchanting atmosphere filled with cocktails, entertainment featuring mermen and synchronized swimmers, and breathtaking views. It was the perfect setting for celebration. The outpouring of support from the community underscored the shared commitment to empower and uplift the lives of LGBTQ+ youth, ensuring they have the resources and care they need to thrive.

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Kelly Ripa, Mark Consuelos with WMC Creative Synchronized Swimmers





Judith Kasen-Windsor, Angela LaGreca Nathan Orsman, HMI's Amy Harclerode, Jose Castro



Benjamin Dixon, Brian Kelly, Alessandro Ford Rippline



Ryan Ward, Steven Horn, Ali Alexander, Adam Widener, Preston Kemp



Kevin Harrington, Queer Eye's Antoni Porowski



Timothy Brown, Peter Som



Michael Staples, Jim Berkrot



Jason Power, Benjamin Dixon, Bernard Teller, Frank Garcia, Michaela Vybohova, Jake Colucci



Brenda Giufurta



Jose Castro,



Marisa Allan, Deidre Beirne, Lauren Wils Grover



Nicholas Ricotta, Chase Landow, Ricky Swanton,



Stacy Pisone, Rosalie Pisone,



Timothy Peters, Lee Cannon, Salvatore Piazzolla, Dawn Kreizer-Drozjock, Ryan Ward



Taylor Donohoe, Ashley Lisi, Taylor Strecker, Ali Donohue



Mermen