



Founded in 1852, Elwyn is a unique organization. Today, Elwyn is nationally-recognized as a pioneer in developing groundbreaking programs for children and adults with disabilities and disadvantages.

Elwyn's office of Genetic Services is a leader in genetics research and education, specializing in the practical implications of genetic disorders for people with intellectual disabilities. Each month, Elwyn Genetics receives dozens of inquiries from families and professionals seeking information, services, suggestions, and support. Often, the call is from a parent who has just learned of a genetic diagnosis in her child. Other times, the inquiry is from a teacher or therapist looking for specific suggestions on how to address learning or behavioral challenges in the classroom. Whatever the need, Elwyn Genetics is there to guide, support, encourage, and empower. We are unique in our ability to bridge the gap between the complex science of medical genetics and the practical, real life needs of those affected by genetic conditions. To learn more, please visit [www.elwyngenetics.org](http://www.elwyngenetics.org).

**About our Guest Speaker,  
NBC10 Sports Reporter, John Clark**

Elwyn is honored to have sports reporter, John Clark, join us for evening. As part of the NBC10 sports team, John has covered some of the biggest stories in Philadelphia sports history, including the Eagles' appearance in Super Bowl XXXIX and the 2006 NFL Hall of Fame game. He has earned several Mid-Atlantic Emmy nominations for his sports reports. In 2004, John won an Emmy for 'Outstanding Individual Achievement for Sports Reporting.' While growing up in Wallingford, Pennsylvania, John used to imitate legendary Phillies announcer Harry Kalas. He graduated from Strath Haven High School and Temple University. Prior to graduation, John interned for WB17, Fox29 and Temple's Channel 54 before starting his broadcasting career. He is an active volunteer for the Special Olympics and has become more passionate about the events since his brother began competing in them.



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Benefit and Silent Auction to Support the  
**Elwyn Fragile X Center**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2010**  
**The Union League of Philadelphia**

**PROGRAM**

- 6:30 PM**      **Welcome**  
Sandra Cornelius, PhD, President of Elwyn
- A Time of Extraordinary Hope for Families**  
Brenda Finucane, MS, CGC  
Executive Director, Elwyn Genetics
- 6:45 PM**      **Special Guest Speaker, John Clark**  
NBC10 Sports Reporter
- 7:30 PM**      **Silent auction ends, winning bids announced**





## Fragile X Syndrome

Fragile X syndrome is the most common inherited cause of developmental disabilities, with effects ranging from mild learning and behavioral impairments to more severe disabilities and autism. The syndrome affects males and females of all ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Family members of people with the syndrome may experience a variety of gene-related symptoms, including infertility and neurological disorders. Recent advances in our understanding of the biological basis of fragile X offer exciting hope for targeted medical treatments in the near future.

**To learn more about  
fragile X syndrome and related disorders,  
visit [www.fragileX.org](http://www.fragileX.org)**

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support the nonprofit work of the  
Elwyn Fragile X Center**