

The Hour

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Norwalkers invited to take a stroll in SoNo

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The Human Services Council is inviting the public to participate in the second annual SoNo Stroll taking place today.

"We think there is a terrific community of restaurants down here in SoNo and anything we can do to showcase that vibrant restaurant community while helping out the community we feed is great," said Andy Pforzheimer, co-owner of Barcelona.

Proceeds will go to support the Human Service Council. Among the programs it will help is Children's Connection, which responds to the community's needs of physically and sexually abused children and their families and works toward providing permanent solutions to the problem of child abuse.

"We like to get involved in all the community events. We feel as though we should help as much as possible," said Ollie O'Neill, owner of O'Neill's.

The event begins with a cocktail reception at The Loft, 97 Washington St. from 5 to 7:30 p.m. that includes hors d'oeuvres and live music, as well as a live and silent

auction and will be followed by an invitation to enjoy dinner, dessert and coffee at one of SoNo's many participating restaurants, including Match, Pasta Nostra, Strada 18, Barcelona, Osetra and O'Neill's.

"Not only was last year's SoNo Stroll a huge success, it was also a great deal of fun," said Al Mirin, president of council's board of directors. "Thanks to the participation of South Norwalk's restaurants, HSC was able to raise a much needed \$60,000, which in turn provided funding for the numerous programs and services we offer to thousands of individuals — particularly youth — each year."