

Education Foundation News

HALF A MILLION DOLLARS...WOW!

The District 57 Education Foundation has surpassed the goal of its year-long Decade of Giving Campaign, bringing the total amount raised in 10 years to more than \$500,000. The much-anticipated announcement came at the Xtravaganza fund-raiser on March 8. The campaign was launched a year ago in celebration of the Foundation's 10-year anniversary this spring. There have been many successful fundraising opportunities over the past year that brought the goal within reach, but the generous sponsors and attendees of Xtravaganza pushed the Foundation over the top.

"In 1998, a dedicated group of parents and community members saw a need and worked hard to fulfill it. The Education Foundation that they started has grown by leaps and bounds over the years, thanks to the efforts of countless volunteers and generous supporters," says Tom Lowe, Foundation chairman. "We were so pleased to announce at Xtravaganza that 10 years of hard work has resulted in half a million dollars going to programs and materials that enhance the education of District 57 students."

A night to remember: Xtravaganza raises \$55,000

The Foundation's most important fund-raiser of the year – Xtravaganza – brought in a record \$55,000 that will benefit the students of the four District 57 schools. About 400 people attended the March 8th event, held at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows. Guests enjoyed a casino, live and silent auctions, a band and DJ, a popular "Deal or No Deal" gift certificate giveaway sponsored by the PTA and a performance by the Lincoln Middle School Jazz Band. A highlight of the evening was the drawing for the \$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle. The lucky winners were Robert and Sally Duke, who raised their children in District 57 and currently have grandchildren in the district. They donated a portion of their winnings back to the Foundation. The money raised at Xtravaganza will help fund grants at each of the schools, enabling students to take advantage of learning opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them.

Thanks to all who helped make Xtravaganza a success for our kids

Many Education Foundation board members and other volunteers worked tirelessly before, during and after Xtravaganza. On behalf of the students of District 57, who will directly benefit from the event, thank you for your hard work.

You know who you are!

The Foundation also thanks the generous sponsors – Platinum: Friedrich's Funeral Home, Midwest Bank, 20/10 Engineering Group, First Equity Group, Retro Bistro, Novak & Parker, Life Fitness; Gold: Creative Training Solutions, Novak Construction, PROMIX, Polansky, Cichon & Batey, Nicholas & Assoc., Mechanical Equipment, Temperature Equipment Corp.; Silver: Picket Fence Realty, Piotrowski Family, Innate Concepts Chiropractic, Vino 100, Affordable Signs and Graphics, Ideal Anesthesia Services, Green Associates, Air Products Equipment Co., Airedale, C. Acitelli Heating & Piping, Eriksson Engineering Assoc., Vaughn Industrial Sales and Blues Bar.

Finally, a big thanks to all who attended, made a donation and/or bought raffle tickets. The success of Xtravaganza and the Decade of Giving Campaign shows that our community understands that money raised by the Foundation benefits our children in ways that will serve them well for years to come.

Without the support of District 57 families, none of this could be possible!

Attention teachers... grant deadline May 2nd

Teachers should submit proposals for spring grants to their principals by Friday, May 2nd. The Foundation will evaluate the proposals during the May board meeting. Start thinking about needs in your classroom! Grant applications can be downloaded from the the Foundation's Web site.

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