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**DISTRICT 57 EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO HOLD XTRAVAGANZA,
IN CELEBRATION OF A DECADE OF GIVING**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF MARCH 8TH EVENT INCLUDE VEGAS-STYLE CASINO,
\$10,000 RAFFLE, AND LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS**

MT. PROSPECT, ILL. – The District 57 Education Foundation will hold its most important fund-raiser of the year on March 8, 2008, at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows. The event – Xtravaganza – will celebrate a decade of giving, with the return of last year’s popular casino night, a \$10,000 raffle, and live and silent auctions.

Xtravaganza will mark the 10-year anniversary of the Education Foundation, which generates and allocates resources to enhance the educational experience of District 57 students. The event will be the culmination of the year-long Decade of Giving campaign. The campaign’s goal was to bring the amount of money raised in 10 years to \$500,000. There have been many successful fundraising opportunities over the past year that have brought the Foundation close to its goal.

“We believe Xtravaganza will push us over the top. We expect to announce during the event that we have surpassed our goal,” says Tom Lowe, Foundation chairman. “Xtravaganza will be a memorable evening, and it will help increase the resources available to our district’s four schools, thus enabling our community’s children to take advantage of learning opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them.”

Xtravaganza will be held 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Meridian Banquets, 1701 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. Tickets are \$90 per person. Attire is business casual. Invitations have been mailed to all District 57 families. In addition, information is available on the Foundation Web site (www.dist57.org/education-foundation). For the first time, event tickets and raffle tickets can be purchased on the site, using PayPal.

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Plans for Xtravaganza include a casino with poker, blackjack, roulette and craps tables; hors d'oeuvres, dinner stations, ice cream bar and late-night buffet; open bar and martini bar; a live band; performances by the Lincoln Middle School Jazz Band; and a "Deal or No Deal" gift certificate giveaway sponsored by the PTA. The silent auction will offer a variety of themed baskets, and the live auction will include a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel puppy (pictured on the Foundation Web site), a pool table, a washer/dryer, a Vino 100 wine party, an evening to remember at Retro Bistro, a diamond necklace, Bears tickets, a custom-made bike and more. There will be many other surprises throughout the evening.

Any business or individual who is interested in being a sponsor of Xtravaganza, running an ad in the program or making a financial contribution should call Lowe at 847-471-4000.

About the District 57 Education Foundation

The District 57 Education Foundation's mission is to enhance the education of District 57 students by generating and allocating resources through partnerships with teachers, parents, school officials and the business community. The Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed by Mt. Prospect community members. Visit the Foundation's Web site at www.dist57.org/education-foundation.

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