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**EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S XTRAVAGANZA  
RAISES \$55,000 FOR DISTRICT 57 SCHOOLS**

**FOUNDATION MEETS DECADE OF GIVING GOAL,  
BRINGING IN \$500,000 IN 10 YEARS**

MT. PROSPECT, ILL. – The District 57 Education Foundation's most important fund-raiser of the year – Xtravaganza – brought in a record \$55,000 that will benefit the students of four local schools. About 400 people attended the March 8<sup>th</sup> event, held at Meridian Banquets in Rolling Meadows.

Guests enjoyed a casino, live and silent auctions, a band and DJ, a "Deal or No Deal" gift certificate giveaway sponsored by the PTA and a performance by the Lincoln Middle School Jazz Band.

But the highlight of the evening was the much-anticipated announcement that the Foundation had surpassed the goal of its year-long Decade of Giving campaign. Xtravaganza marked the 10-year anniversary of the District 57 Education Foundation. The campaign was launched a year ago to celebrate this milestone, by bringing the amount of money raised in 10 years to \$500,000. 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 be able 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."

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Another exciting Xtravaganza moment 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 two grandchildren in the district. They donated a portion of their winnings back to the Foundation.

“The money raised at Xtravaganza will help enable students at Fairview School, Lions Park School, Westbrook School and Lincoln Middle School take advantage of learning opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them,” Lowe says. “We thank the event’s many sponsors, attendees and all who worked hard to make it a memorable and successful evening.”

**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](http://www.dist57.org/education-foundation).

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