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## **Education Foundation Thanks Sponsors**

Ft. Pierce, FL- Education Foundation, St. Lucie's Evening for Education was a huge success raising 60% more money than the previous year. The annual dinner, 'Hooray for Hollywood' was held at the Harbour Ridge Club House in Palm City and featured both a live and silent auction.

The dinner/dance is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Foundation. This year, both attendance and revenue were up over last year's event. "We are extremely grateful for the generosity and support we received from our sponsors," stated Thom Jones, President of Education Foundation, St. Lucie. "We raised \$56,000 to support Public Education!"

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St. Lucie Public Schools (SLPS) has seen tremendous progress in the last year. It is the highest-ranking District on the Treasure Coast and fifth in Florida with a graduation rate of 90.1 percent. 37% of schools are rated an A, 62% are rated an A or B, and the District has no failing schools. SLPS is ranked among the top one-third of

Florida's districts for student achievement.

Thom Jones Education Foundation, St. Lucie provides teacher grants, which focus on helping improve literacy and support struggling students; student scholarships and high school mentoring programs to help students graduate. Grants also support CTE programs (Career & Technical Education) such as healthcare and automotive engineering.



**Beth & Steve Hoskins** 



Michelle Miller, Jane Rawley and Thom Jones during auction

Education Foundation, St. Lucie is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation dedicating to advancing public K-12 education. The Foundation has been providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students in St. Lucie County since 1990.

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