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Evening for Education A Success!

Dinner Gala Event Raises Money for Public Education



St. Lucie County, FL – The Education Foundation’s Evening for Education gala was both unique and successful. The dinner event featured a spectacular cirque event and raised over \$100,000 for teacher grants and the foundation.

The Masters of Ceremony was Michelle Miller, Clerk of the Court & Comptroller for St. Lucie County. Anna Babcock, 2024 Teacher of the Year, was a featured speaker.

The annual gala, sponsored by A & G Concrete Pools in Fort Pierce, was held at the beautiful Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club on Saturday, November 4 and included an elegant dinner, a live auction and an opportunity to support new programs, such as an outdoor science classroom on an island in the Indian River Lagoon and a program to teach students to program in Artificial Intelligence while helping solve our increasing traffic issues. Core Construction sponsored the reception.

Schultz Entertainment hosted a cirque event which included a fire demonstration, high acrobatic acts on silk as well as a Cyr wheel act and juggling lessons.

Live auction items included a diamond bracelet, courtesy of Colorado Jewelry, a sunset cruise on the Last Mango charter boat, courtesy of Captain Tristram Colket, two all-inclusive sports packages with the Miami Heat and Miami Marlins donated by PNC Bank, a chef tasting & wine pairing by Tutto Fresco Fine Italian Restaurant and a corporate holiday party donated by RJB Celebrations. Travis Leonard, CEO of A&G Concrete Pools & Michelle Miller, Clerk of the Court & Comptroller for St. Lucie County were the auctioneers.

An online auction opened on event day and continued until November 20. The month-long event included over 100 items that were accessible with your smart phone or computer. “This was the best silent auction in many years since we reached a larger audience and the ease of the technology engaged the bidders with easy settlement,” stated Thom Jones, President of the Education Foundation. “I would like to thank everyone who supported the event, the many donors of auction items, our event sponsors and our donors at the live dinner events,” he added.

A & G Concrete Pools, was the Title Sponsor, Core Construction the Reception Sponsor. Gold Sponsors included PNC Bank, Comcast, Jacquin & Sons, Seacoast Bank, Remnant Construction, MIDFLORIDA Credit Union & Keiser University. Silver Sponsors were Gold Coast Credit Union, Proctor Construction and Wharton Smith Construction. James & Eileen Abbott were the Bronze sponsors.

The Education Foundation would also like to thank major donors of auction items: St Lucie Public Schools, PGA Golf, Pastaio Italian Restaurant & Meating Street Restaurant, Oak & Embers Restaurant, St. Lucie Draft House, Hillmoor Optical and Carol DiFrancesco donating 7 pieces of artwork and over 100 additional local businesses.

The Evening for Education Gala was created in 1999 to raise awareness and celebrate public education.

Education Foundation, St. Lucie is a community wide organization that connects community to classroom, innovates learning, powers potential & celebrates success within the public-school district.

The foundation provides teacher grants, which focus on helping improve literacy and supports struggling students and provides student scholarships.

Grants also support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) and CTE programs (Career & Technical Education) such as healthcare.

Education Foundation, St. Lucie awards over 60 scholarships each year to students of excellence and students of need that have succeeded against personal challenges.

Education Foundation, St. Lucie is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation dedicating to advancing public K-12 education. The Foundation has been Champions for Children since 1990.

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