

The Greater Cedarburg ... now and forever

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Community Gala Raises \$70,000

More than 200 people attended the 11th annual President's Gala on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Ozaukee Pavilion at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds and the results were impressive. About \$70,000 was raised to support the Foundation's mission to provide private funding for projects and programs that enhance the quality of life in the greater Cedarburg community.

The fundraising event featured a "Beats & Brushwork" performance by Artist Shelby Keefe, music by the Di Cristo Quartet, a buffet dinner catered by Out & Out and a verbal and silent auction.

"This was exactly the kind of evening I had hoped for ... good company, good food, good entertainment and a great reason to come together," said Foundation President Joe Fazio. "I was thrilled to see so many people come out and support the Foundation and the good work that we do."



Joe Fazio, president of the Greater Cedarburg Foundation, and his wife, Lisa, display a 30 by 40 inch blowup of a snowy scene of downtown Cedarburg from the Harold Dobberpuhl photo collection. The print sold for \$1,050 during the Community Gala's verbal auction.

Photo courtesy of Ozaukee County News Graphic: Art Dahlke, photographer

of the live auction later that night and sold for \$2,700. Another painting by Keefe of the Rivoli Theatre in downtown Cedarburg was specially commissioned for the event and brought in a high bid of \$5,500.

Other verbal auction items included a picnic dinner for eight at Summer Sounds 2017, a 30 by 40 inch blowup of a snowy scene of downtown Cedarburg from the Harold Dobberpuhl photo collection, a 5-course dinner for eight at Shully's in Thiensville including round-trip limousine services, a party for 50 people with food provided by YellowBellies Food Truck, a girl's night

Award-winning impressionistic painter Shelby Keefe was a highlight of the evening. She spontaneously created an oil painting of a Cedarburg landscape using her own lively musical compositions as guests watched.

The painting became part

GCF Launches Annual Fund Drive

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation has launched its Annual Fund Drive for 2016 as it continues to provide financial support for projects undertaken by local non-profit organizations.

2016 has already been a historic year for the Foundation. Together with The Greater Milwaukee Foundation, we granted \$250,000 toward the construction of a new band shell in Cedar Creek Park in Cedarburg. In addition, for the first time in its history, the Foundation recognized an organization, the Cedarburg Fire Department, as the recipient of its annual Civic Award in honor of the Department's 150th anniversary.

In addition to the band shell project, since 2001, the Foundation has awarded grants totaling over \$1 million to these and many other valued community organizations:

- Cedarburg Friends of the Library
- Cedarburg Art Museum
- Family Enrichment and Volunteer Centers of Ozaukee County
- WI Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts
- Summer Sounds Music Series
- Ozaukee County Jail Literacy Program
- Riveredge Nature Center
- Honor Flights
- Rivoli Theater
- Cedarburg Cultural Center
- Cedarburg Performing Arts Center Inc.
- Family Sharing

The Foundation's support of projects carried out by non-profit organizations

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out “jewelry dress up” party at Dorothy Gallun Fine Jewelry with food catered by Out & Out and a sock hop party for 12 people at the home of Bruce and Shirley Krenzke. Another 25 items were included in the silent auction.

A brief video, produced by NolanVision, showcased some of the projects that the Foundation has helped to fund. It introduced a reverse auction that brought the evening to a very successful close.

Signature sponsors of the Community Gala included Funjet Vacations, music sponsor; Answerport, dessert sponsor; Commerce State Bank, entertainment sponsor; Partnership Bank, decorations sponsor; and Port Washington State Bank, verbal auction sponsor. Patron sponsors were BMO Harris Bank, Bella Lei Salon Spa & Boutique, Bank Mutual, Carlson Tool & Mfg. Corp., GHL International, Husch Blackwell, Levy & Levy Attorneys at Law, Piggly Wiggly, Sargento Foods, TSR Solutions and US Bank. ■

SAVE THE DATE!

Plans are already underway for the 2017 Community Gala which will be held **Saturday, Sept. 23**, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Columbia St. Mary's Center at the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds.

“Since this year’s event reached its capacity at the Ozaukee Pavilion, we’ve decided to move it over to the Columbia St. Mary’s Center, which can accommodate up to 300 people,” said Joe Fazio, Foundation president.

The building is home to the Milwaukee Curling Club but the ice won’t be going in until October, which will allow the Foundation to have a spacious venue for its annual event.

Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date!



The Di Cristo Quartet with Victor Di Cristo on drums, Rick Aaron on flute, Gary Meisner on keyboard and Michael Britz on bass



Tim Wilkinson, John Cordio and Drew Hayes



Bob Uhren, Gail Ostermann, Linda Pierschalla and Dave Merrifield



Artist Shelby Keefe creates an oil painting of a Cedarburg landscape while guests watch



A wine pull was among the evening's fundraising activities



Sue and Melissa Hale



Jim Coutts and Tim Hoven



Patty and Mike Hansen, Dennis and Terri Haas



Laura and Jerry Henning



Pat Thome and Carol Alexander Coutts



Kelly and Chris Wood

Photos courtesy of Ozaukee County News Graphic: Art Dahlke, photographer

Grant Spotlight ...

Mel's Charities & Riveredge Nature Center

This past year, The Greater Cedarburg Foundation awarded more than \$56,000 in grants to 11 area non-profit organizations as part of its annual grant cycle. We asked two of those recipients, Mel's Charities & Riveredge Nature Center, to tell us how that money has helped them reach their goals.

Mel's Charities

Since 1999, Mel's Charities has donated over \$700,000 to special needs organizations, human services and scholarship opportunities. Mel's hosts a series of six annual fundraising events: a pig roast, a run/walk, a golf scramble, a slow pitch classic, a Lakeshore Chinooks game and an 8-pin tap event.

The success of each event depends on having supplies in an organized place, according to executive director Tom "Mel" Stanton, who applied for a grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation to help purchase organizational totes, cooking equipment, a small refrigerator/freezer, folding tables and a new larger trailer.

"The 2016 grant we received provided

us the means to help purchase a much needed trailer. This allows us to store and organize our supplies in one location! No more storing items at different locations. We can now pull up to our events, drop the trailer door and be ready to have 'Great Times for Great Causes!,' said Tom. "With new equipment and better organizational capacity at all of our fundraising events, Mel's will be more successful in giving back."

Riveredge Nature Center

The Scientist in Residence program, through Riveredge Nature Center, was introduced to the Cedarburg School District during the 2016-17 school year thanks to a lead grant from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation. The goal of the program is to create school systems where the outdoors is interconnected to daily learning and nature is the inspiration for the next generation of scientists, according to Jessica Jens, executive director of Riveredge Nature Center.

As the second school district in the state to be part of this innovative private-public

partnership, the Cedarburg School District has focused year one on the Middle School staff and students. The Scientist in Residence (SIR), Jamie Dins, listens to and responds to staff in order to help the outdoors become integrated throughout the curriculum.

"We are confident that the SIR program will achieve meaningful results," said Jessica. During the first two months of the school year, the Cedarburg School District SIR had already logged over 1,000 student and 27 teacher contacts. Some examples of the SIR work include assisting with an off-site field trip focusing on wetland ecology to co-teaching a communication arts class connecting nature to what students are reading.

According to Jessica, research shows that students who learn outdoors experience mind, body and spiritual benefits, improved critical thinking, reduced ADHD symptoms, higher standardized test scores, increased fitness levels, improved distance vision, raised Vitamin D levels and reduced stress. ■



Shown with the trailer purchased with funds from the Greater Cedarburg Foundation are (from front): Mel's Charities volunteer Andy Peterson, board member and ambassador Ross Rintelman and executive director Tom "Mel" Stanton.



Cedarburg students experience an outdoor classroom with the Scientist in Residence program provided by Riveredge Nature Center

Are You a Legacy Society Member?

The generous support of Legacy Society members enables The Greater Cedarburg Foundation to grow its endowment fund to provide financial support for projects that preserve and enhance the quality of life in our community. More than 100 individuals and couples have already pledged at least \$10,000 each to become Legacy Society members.

While many Legacy Society members fulfill their giving pledge immediately or as part of their estate planning, others choose to fulfill their pledge over time as part of their personal annual charitable giving. Whichever method you choose, the Foundation is grateful for the support of all Legacy Society members as well as that of all of our donors.

If you are a Legacy Society member who has chosen to fulfill your pledge via giving over time, please consider contributing toward your commitment as part of your 2016 year-end charitable giving. If you choose to give toward your pledge commitment, please write "Legacy Society" in the memo line of your check and it will be recorded toward your Legacy Society pledge.

If you are not yet a Legacy Society member and would like to consider becoming a Legacy Society member by pledging \$10,000 to The Greater Cedarburg Foundation, please call and leave a message with The Greater Cedarburg Foundation at 262-377-7338. Tim Wilkinson, development committee chair, will reach out to you to answer questions you may have and provide additional information for your consideration.

Please send donations to:

The Greater Cedarburg Foundation, P.O. Box 711, Cedarburg, WI 53012

Annual Fund Drive (from pg. 1)

helps preserve the cultural heritage and quality of life in the Greater Cedarburg area. Through year-round efforts to raise awareness and funds through a semi-annual newsletter, annual fund drive, and special events such as the Civic Event in the spring and President's Gala in September, the Foundation's endowment (and power to give) has grown significantly.

Tim Wilkinson, board member and Annual Fund Drive chair, said, "The Greater Cedarburg area is a special place. We are fortunate to have numerous organizations and facilities which contribute to our quality of life. We

are also fortunate to have many very generous members of our community who support our efforts. This support allows the Foundation to respond to the funding requests for projects that enhance our community."

Please review the Annual Fund Drive letter mailed with this newsletter and consider donating to the 2016 campaign. Donations of any size are appreciated.

For further information on the Foundation's mission or Annual Fund Drive, call 262-377-7338 or visit Cedarburgfoundation.com. ■

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