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Ephrata Area Education Foundation Fundraiser Benefits District Students An Evening on the Town

Over 200 guests attended the second annual Purple and Gold Gala on Saturday, February 20 to support the Ephrata Area Education Foundation. The event raised over \$40,000.

At the event, Superintendent Dr. Brian Troop spoke about the importance of the Education Foundation Venture Grant program. In 2013, the Foundation provided funding to launch the Ephrata High School Robotics Club, which utilizes many STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles. Dr. Troop also expressed his appreciation to the Foundation for supporting the students of the District with state-of-the-art teaching methods and technologies.

Foundation Executive Director Ann Marie Haus spoke about how District students benefit from Foundation support. “Getting students excited about learning by being able to provide engaging and additional opportunities that they may otherwise never experience – that is my passion and that is the Foundation’s mission. *Inspiring Achievement. Supporting Innovation. Offering Opportunity,*” stated Haus. Haus also stressed the importance of getting people engaged with the work of the Foundation so more people become passionate to make a difference.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by Dean Sensenig, vocal soloist and Ephrata Area School District alumnus. He is also the Director of Music at Ephrata Church of the Brethren. Kristie Ohlinger served as the Gala emcee. She is a music teacher in the Ephrata Area School District and performer at the Ephrata Performing Arts Center. John M. Hess, President and Founder of John Hess Auction Service was the auctioneer for the evening. Co-chairs for the 2016 Purple and Gold Gala were Foundation President Dr. William Funk and retired District teacher Stephanie Frymyer.

The Foundation Board of Directors would like to express their sincere gratitude for all who attended this event and their deepest appreciation to the entire Gala committee for all of their hard work in preparation for the evening. For more information, please call (717) 721-1598 or visit the Foundation website at www.ephrataeducationfoundation.org.

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