



2010 Harbour Hugs for Heroes Auction Gala a Resounding Success

Dr. Linda Jacobs is proud to announce that the Harbour Hugs for Heroes 2010 event, held April 17 at the Renaissance Harborplace in Baltimore Maryland, raised more than \$55,000 – the highest net profit from this annual event ever! Parents, families and Harbour friends will be happy to know that we met our goal for this fiscal year of providing every classroom on both campuses with all the necessary equipment to operate a SmartBoard.

The auction really began in March when the items were posted on the Website of *Bidding For Good*, creating the opportunity for interested people to check out the packages, place online bids, and forward the auction link to family and friends who might also wish to bid. Harbour families networked so well that we received bids from as far away as Sheboygan, Wisconsin. And you may be pleased to know that several items were sold to online bidders, so the competition is real.

On April 17, event attendees were given an hour to view and bid on silent auction items. Everything from spa packages and sports memorabilia to framed prints could be found. Some of the most popular items were time and talent donations from Harbour staff (one of the highest bids - Karaoke and Pizza Party for 8 kids, donated by Amy Adams and Jim Pfister from the Baltimore campus). The highest silent auction bid of the evening went to purchase a much-coveted item: the chance to name the driveway at the Baltimore campus. The name chosen by the lucky winner will be made into a road sign, and erected on the driveway at Baltimore.

Following the silent auction, guests enjoyed food and fellowship with a meal, pronounced by Dr. J, to be terrific: “everyone know how picky I am with food, and the Renaissance always provides a wonderful meal” she added. The highlight of the evening was the program honoring our 2010 Harbour Heroes Sandy Liotta and Carl Osterman. A heart-warming movie, produced by staff Michelle Davy and Noel Butler, made it clear that Sandy and Carl were truly a couple whose involvement with THS was worthy of celebrating, and many were in tears by the end. When they spoke, both Sandy and Carl were quick to point out that the real heroes are the Harbour School staff: “Our future is our children, and the best gift we can give them, apart from love and a home, is the most meaningful education possible.”

The evening ended with 27 packages offered in the live auction, hosted by professional auctioneer Rob Harman. Always a treat, Mr. Harman adds flair to the live event with his humor and ability to slowly but surely nudge up that bid. The package bringing the largest donation of

the evening was a pair of club level tickets for the upcoming Ravens' season and autographed Joe Flacco jersey. Not to be outdone, Dr. J. ended the live auction by jumping up from her chair and asking for donations of cash towards SmartBoards. She was so effective, she raised \$5,950 herself!

Special thanks go to our sponsors of the event: Sandra Liotta and Carl Osterman, Merrill Lynch, Cardinal Technologies, Comprehensive Benefits, Force3, Prophasys IT Consulting, PNC Bank, WR Grace, Allstate Insurance, Bank of Annapolis, CCS Presentations, Expressway Office Supplies, Peddicord's Lawn, Landscaping, and Snow Removal Service, Family of Sam Myers, The Phillips Group, Regan, Grace & Kerley, LLC, Candi & Snap, Centric Business Systems, Frosty Refrigeration, HMS Insurance, and Lifetouch Yearbooks. There were many volunteers, and they are all listed in the year-end newsletter coming out later this month, but special recognition must be given to the parent volunteers who served on the planning committee and made all of the decorations this year: Kathy Fitch, Ginny Kass, and Julie Polanin. Many thanks for a job well done!

Dr. J. is excited to announce that the date for next years' event has been set for Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Renaissance. Looking forward to seeing you there!