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OCONOMOWOC PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL BALL RAISES OVER \$35,000

Oconomowoc, Wisconsin: On October 14, 2017 Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation (OPEF) held the "Mad Hatter's Ball" at LaBelle Golf Club. Nearly two hundred community participants, educators and Mad Hatter's helped raise over \$35,000 for the Oconomowoc Area School District.

Friends of OPEF enjoyed a night filled with laughter, music and bidding to help support the Oconomowoc Area School District. Attendees enjoyed music by OASD educators Tracy Garon and Eric Darnell, bid on many silent and live auction items donated by local schools, businesses and community members, and danced the night away to Crazy Man's Basement. Michele Eimon, a parent in the district, unlocked this year's "Key to Wonderland," and went home with the live auction item of her choice, which was a Backyard Concert donated by Eric Darnell with catering donated from The Picnic Basket.

OPEF is thrilled to have such amazing support from so many administrators and educators at the Oconomowoc Area School District. Many schools in the district created amazing silent auction baskets.

OPEF would also like to thank this year's sponsors for helping OPEF reach their fundraising goal. First Bank Financial Centre, Eppstein Uhen Architects, VJS Construction Services, Westbury Bank Charitable Foundation, Craig & Mary Schiefelbein, Deb Meunier Agency, Rogers Memorial Hospital, Waukesha State Bank, Oconomowoc Vision Clinic, Ann Moran Lecher of Shorewest Realtors, Accurate Graphics, GALS Institute, Quaden Motors, SpeechWorks LLC, Winter, Kloman, Motor and Repp SC, Your Choice to Live, Inc. and Stapleton Realty.

All proceeds from the ball will go to OPEF, which funds grants and materials, equipment and projects to enhance classroom education and innovation. OPEF is excited for the upcoming grant process, which was kicked off with a Grant Workshop for OASD educators on October 6. Grant applications for the 2017-2018 school year are due on December 18, 2017.

As a collaborative partner, the Oconomowoc Public Education Foundation's mission is to raise and provide funds for innovative educational opportunities and experiences not funded in the core school district budget. OPEF-supported projects will positively impact students and the community by encouraging leadership, fostering excellence, and nurturing a sense of belonging through our public schools.

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