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Community Partnership Hits a Grand Slam for High School's Performing Arts Center

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP —*Community Partnership* Board members were concerned they might strike out with this year's annual fundraiser due to the tight economy and rough winter weather. Instead they hit a grand slam!

More than \$24,000 was raised for a Concert Grand Piano for the new Performing Arts Center at Egg Harbor Township High School during the Feb. 27th *Grand Event and Silent Auction*. Proceeds included more than \$5,700 raised through the Silent Auction that featured donated gifts and services from more than 50 generous area businesses.

Presented by **Shore Memorial Hospital** and hosted by the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.*, the evening drew more than 150 attendees to Greate Bay Country Club and included a one-hour open bar and hors d'oeuvres reception, surf and turf dinner, dessert, non-stop dance music by local legend Bobby Campanell, and a silent auction.

Egg Harbor Township High School recently received notification that it ranked in the top 10 percent of all New Jersey schools for Arts education, making it eligible to become a Model School in the Arts, which the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership uses to honor schools that successfully meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in visual and performing arts. "Adding a top-quality instrument of this magnitude to the stage of our new performing arts center will enhance not only our great school music education programs for our students, but will enrich the opportunities for our entire community and help to generate additional funds for the district down the road," said Lou DeScioli, president of the Community Partnership.

"As superintendent and as a parent, I am thrilled and excited for our students in the fine and performing arts and really our entire school community. The Community Partnership, our sponsors, and the attendees that helped to make this evening a great success are the perfect example of what a community is all about!" said Superintendent Dr. Scott McCartney.

In addition to Shore Memorial Hospital, other generous supporters include **Gold Sponsors** (\$2,000) *AtlantiCare* and *Cooper Levenson, Attorneys at Law*; **Silver Sponsors** (\$1,000) *Custard Hut*, *Walt's Original Primo Pizza*, *Polistina & Associates*, *Siracusa-Kaufman Insurance Agency LLC*, *Foster-Karney Foundation*, *CHI Engineering Services Inc.*, and *MacNatt & Sons Environmental Specialists*; **Bronze Sponsors** (\$500) *Ocean City Home Bank*, *Exclusive Jewelers*, *Tropicana Resort & Casino*,

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*Martello Financial Services Inc., Hak and Meaghan Kim, Donovan Financial Group/UBS, and the Egg Harbor Township Band Boosters; and **Supporting Sponsor** (\$250) Hambro's House of Music.* More than 50 generous area businesses donated items to the Silent Auction.

A 501(c)(3) IRS-recognized public charity, the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.* has raised more than \$100,000 since its inception in 2006 for new academic programs for special needs students, interactive classroom technology, Automated External Defibrillators, AP Tests, lacrosse team safety equipment for the high school, and supplies for the district's after-school child care program. In the spring the Community Partnership will break ground on a new LED Marquee sign for the high school and will be contributing to the construction and installation costs of two new playgrounds for the elementary school children at Davenport and Slaybaugh School complexes. Additional fundraisers will be co-hosted over the next year by the Performing Arts department of the high school and the Community Partnership to secure the funds needed to purchase the Concert Grand Piano, which will cost upwards of \$75,000.

For more information or to donate to the Community Partnership, please call 646-8441, ext. 1017, visit the website at www.partners4ehtschools.org, or send email inquiries to gregorye@eht.k12.nj.us.

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