

SBL's "Cheers!" raises record-breaking funds for scholarships

The 37th annual Cheers! Event raised a record-breaking \$39,175, nearly doubling net proceeds from previous years. Funds raised support the Sarah Bush Lincoln Volunteer Guild Scholarship Program, which offers assistance to area students pursuing degrees in healthcare-related fields.

"We are overwhelmed by the extreme generosity in our community. Having to cancel this year's primary Scholarship Program fundraiser (due to pandemic restrictions) was disappointing, but the community really came through. We are excited to give these funds to deserving students." Kim

Lockart, SBL Special Events Officer, said.

The Foundation would like to thank everyone who supported this year's Cheers! Event, including the following sponsors - VIP 1 sponsors: Dr. & Mrs. Robert Reuter; Scott & Samantha Eggleston; Michael & Laura Bolland; the McCord Family Foundation; SC3F Wealth Management; and K Wohltman Construction. VIP 2 sponsors: David & Marci Barth; Roger & Ann Beck; Robert & Barbara Blagg; Jerry & Lana Esker; First Mid Insurance Group; Mary Lou Gaskill; Kathleen Shank Gashman; William Hill; Leon & Karen

Huffmaster; J&J Ventures Gaming, LLC; Dr. & Mrs. Matthew Jones; Dr. Gary & Kathy Mikel; and Tony & Debbie Sparks.

Event sponsors included: Armstrong, Grove & Wawrzynek, LLC; Clinical Solutions; Dr. Mary Harvey & Jon Ligon; Dr. Jeni Hoelscher; IBEW Local 146; Mike & Barb Love; Gary & Jeri Morris; Mattoon Area Family YMCA; Richardet Floor Covering; Bill & Kim Uphoff; and Bill & Laura Voyles. VIP 1, VIP 2 and event sponsors all received one-time scholarship naming rights for this year's sponsorships.

The event also raised

funds by selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of three wonderful prizes. Olivia Fox won a two-night stay at Persimmon Woods Place, donated by Dr. Greg & Debbie Deters, that included a wine basket from Pheasant Hollow Winery, dinner for two from Morgan's Meat Market, a \$100 gas card from Lambo's BP, a \$50 gift certificate from Modern Family Dinners in Effingham, sandwiches from Jersey Mike's and much more, valued at more than \$800. Meghan Wahl won two Eco-drive watches donated by Towne Square Jewelers, Charleston, with a combined value of \$1,200.

And Brenda Miller won preferential parking at SBL for six months, and a \$50 Visa card donated by the Mattoon Lions Club.

Since 1979, the Guild scholarship program has awarded more than \$725,000 to provide scholarships to students in a 10-county area who are pursuing their education in medically-related fields. Qualified areas of study include, but are not limited to nursing, family practice, medical technology, radiology, physical therapy, pharmacy, dietetics, medical coding, and speech pathology. The school to be attended must be accredited or recognized as an

approved program by appropriate agencies. Scholarships are awarded for an academic year and are based on the student's scholastic achievement, financial need and the availability of funds.

For more information about the scholarship program, contact Tracy Haddock, Volunteer Services Director at Sarah Bush Lincoln, at 217-258-4180. Scholarship application packets are due April 15 and are available at www.sarahbush.org. For more information about Cheers! contact Kim Lockart, special event officer in the SBL Health Foundation, 217-258-2511.



SC3F Wealth Management Group makes Easter donations to SBL. The staff at SC3F Wealth Management Group created Easter baskets for children who were admitted to the Sarah Bush Lincoln Women & Children's Center over the Easter holiday. The SC3F team has donated baskets filled with puzzle books, toys and more for children for many years. "The baskets that SC3F Wealth Management donate each year truly bring smiles to the faces of little ones who spend their Easter holiday with us," Cindy Rivas, Director of the Women & Children's Center said. "We appreciate the team's thoughtfulness very much!" Pictured left to right: Kaity Winnet, Jennifer Nay, Amanda Nichols, Bob Carr, SBL Women & Children's Center Director Cindy Rivas, Briana Whitley and Amanda Beals.

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Fisher (Champaign County): Construct picnic tables for Fisher Community Park
Royal Ag 4-H Club (Champaign County): Install landscaping at the Royal Community Building
Sadorus All-Stars 4-H Club (Champaign County): Enhance Tolono welcome signs and landscaping
Unity FFA Chapter (Champaign County): Provide park improvements at West Side Park in Tolono
Clarksville Co-eds 4-H Club (Clark County): Clarksville Kindness Project - Spruce up Clarksville Restaurant signage
Martinsville FFA Chapter (Clark County): A Seat with a View - build picnic tables for The Woodlands in Martinsville
Moriah Go-Getters 4-H Club (Clark County): Build signage for Casey Fairview Park
Triple T 4-H Club (Clark County): Install raised flower beds at healthcare facilities in Marshall
Central FFA Chapter (Clinton County): Construct wooden flower pots for Avis-ton Parks
Ellery Panthers 4-H Club (Edwards County): Build

therapy steps for Little Prairie Preschool in Albion
Country Cousins 4-H Club (Effingham County): Construct all-weather resting bench for Effingham County Fairgrounds
Teutopolis FFA Chapter (Effingham County): Green-hand Gardening - Create outdoor classroom at Teutopolis High School
Heartland Pathfinders 4-H Club (Franklin County): Build accessible picnic tables for Benton Community Park
Hilltoppers 4-H Club (Franklin County): Provide landscaping at Franklin County 4-H Fairgrounds
Mulkeytown Panthers 4-H Club (Franklin County): Refresh community playground in Mulkeytown
Carrollton FFA Chapter (Greene County): Color-up Carrollton - Grow and plant flowers around Carrollton town square
Barbwire Gang 4-H Club (Hamilton County): Spruce up landscaping at the Big Red Barn in McLeansboro
County Line Crew 4-H Club (Hamilton County): Help create bicentennial commemorative signage in McLeansboro
Funny Farmers 4-H Club (Hamilton County): Build produce table for Hamilton County GIFT Garden
Hamilton County 4-H

Federation (Hamilton County): Paint crosswalks around McLeansboro Courthouse
Pioneer Country Kids 4-H Club (Hamilton County): Refresh playground equipment at St. John the Baptist play area in McLeansboro
Piopolis Busy Bees 4-H Club (Hamilton County): Plant fruit trees at Hamilton County GIFT Garden
Donovan FFA Chapter (Iroquois County): Renovate Donovan Park concession stand
Trailblazers 4-H Horse & Pony Club (Lawrence County): Make improvements to the horse barn at Lawrence County Fairgrounds
Middletown 4-Hers (Logan County): Install resting benches at Middletown School and Community Park
Northwestern FFA Chapter (Macoupin County): Construct community food shack for residents of Palmyra
New Douglas Cloverbuds 4-H Club (Madison County): Little Hands, Big Hearts - Beautify New Douglas Rec Plex
Quercus Grove 4-H Club (Madison County): Plant community mission garden at St. John's Methodist Church
Athens FFA Chapter (Menard County): Construct trellises for Athens Warriors Food Garden

Monroe County 4-H Teen Federation (Monroe County): Make improvements at Bellefontaine House in Waterloo
Valmeyer FFA Chapter (Monroe County): Construct "The FFA Patio" at Valmeyer Community School
East Side Jr's 4-H Club (Morgan County): Construct Jacksonville welcome sign and add landscaping to fairgrounds patio
Moultrie-County Shining Stars 4-H Club (Moultrie County): Construct bench for Sullivan Elementary playground
Cisco Clovers 4-H Club (Piatt County): Install bleachers in poultry and rabbit barn at Dewitt County 4-H Fairgrounds
Pope County Clover Crew 4-H Club (Pope County): Build a resting bench for youth educational high tunnel at Dixon Springs Agricultural Center
Pope-Hardin County 4-H Federation (Pope County): Construct potting table and work bench for youth educational tunnel at Dixon Springs Agricultural Center
Creative Critters 4-H Club (Saint Clair County): Provide picnic table for Scheve Park in Mascoutah
Carrier Mills-Stonefort FFA Chapter (Saline County): Plant a community gar-

den at Carrier Mills-Stonefort High School
Saline County 4-H Federation (Saline County): Capture photos for installation at Saline County nursing facilities
Moweaqua Rustlers 4-H Club (Shelby County): Provide improvements to the goat barn at Shelby County Fairgrounds
Shelby County Cloverbuds 4-H Club (Shelby County): Refresh community garden at HSHS Good Shepherd Hospital in Shelbyville
Shelby Showstoppers 4-H Club (Shelby County): Spruce up Shelby County Fairgrounds show arena
Shelby Sparklers 4-H Club (Shelby County): Beautify Veterans' Memorial at Sigel Park
Salt Fork FFA Chapter (Vermilion County): Create a community garden at Catlin Township Library
Mt. Carmel FFA Chapter (Wabash County): Build private outdoor patio at Safe Haven in Mt. Carmel
Allendale Twisters 4-H Club (Wabash County): Construct shelving for Circle A Servolution in Allendale
Enfield Blue Ribbon 4-H Club (White County): Make improvements at Willis Park in Enfield
Grayville Go-Getters 4-H Club (White County):

Welcoming Our Community - Beautify Grayville Park
Projects may be delayed or subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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