

Scholarship celebration raises funds with peace, love and a Harley

The Broward Education Foundation's friends and supporters took a step back to the '60s to raise funds for Broward County students in need of financial aid to continue their education. The 13th annual Scholarship Celebration raised \$550,000 while remembering the "good old days" of the hippie and biker era. The gala was held at Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel and Yacht Club on May 16.

More than 500 business and community leaders joined in the evening of dining, dancing and live entertainment. This year, students from a number of high schools

participated in the event, assisting with the silent auction, creating the centerpieces and performing music, dance and marching band numbers.

"We appreciate the leadership provided by our Board of Directors and the civic interest and generosity of our community members in joining together for such a worthwhile cause," said Broward Education Foundation Interim CEO and President John Gentile. "Many of the dollars we raised are matched 1:1 by the Florida Prepaid College Tuition Program, thus enabling us to leverage our donors' contributions."

Each year, more than 300 students receive "last dollar" scholarships, which provide financial support to bridge the funding gap so many students face. Donations to the Scholarship Celebration are earmarked specifically for these unmet student financial needs.

Sponsors for the event included: Community Blood Centers of South Florida; Apple Computer; Weitz Company; Broward Health; and other local sponsors.

For additional information about the Broward Education Foundation, visit <http://browardschools.com>. ■



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