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Arc Herkimer Premier Wine Auction Raises Over \$3 Million in 21 Year History

11/10/2016 - Herkimer, NY. Arc Herkimer President/CEO Kevin Crosley announced after tallying all 21 years of hosting the New York International Wine Auction (NYIWA), one of the northeast's premier wine and food events, the charitable auction has raised \$3,158,765.

Herkimer ARC President/CEO Kevin Crosley said, "As always, the evening was magical. We are so proud to bring such a top-flight event to the Central New York to support such a worthy cause. The generosity of individuals in our area, sponsors, and wine and lifestyle donors never ceases to amaze me."

The Fund-A-Need Auction Lot raised \$20,500 in specific donations to support the Arc Herkimer Self-Advocacy Group, People Are Beautiful. A group member spoke to NYIWA supporters on how Self-Advocacy has helped to enrich her life. The self-advocacy group plays a vital role in educating the community regarding disability issues, helps to educate and influence local, state, and federal government representatives, and promotes disability issues.

Proceeds from NYIWA help Arc Herkimer to empower people with disabilities and enrich lives throughout the community.

Top sponsors for 2016 included: Event Sponsor: WUTR - Eyewitness News. Tasting Sponsor: Scalzo, Zogby & Wittig, Inc. Toasting Sponsor: The Bonadio Group. Dinner Wine Sponsors: Planet Fitness and The Fountainhead Group, Inc. Media Sponsor: Syracuse New Times, Auction Paddle Sponsor: Romanelli



NYIWA Event Sponsor, WUTR was highest bidder on the naming opportunity lot for the front circle at Arc Herkimer's main building in Herkimer. Those on hand to celebrate include, front row from left, Reporter Grace Fernandez, Vice President and General Manager Stephen Ventura, and EMS Global Chairman - Executive Director David Ronan. Back row, from left, Chief Meteorologist Rachel Witter, Senior Account Executive Denis Vella, Arc Herkimer Executive Vice President Lorene Bass, NYIWA Auction Model Amber Beck, NYIWA Auction Director Tony Vennera, and Arc Herkimer President/CEO Kevin Crosley.

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Communications. Vineyard Sponsors: Adonis-Avanti Transportation Services, Bonacci Architects, Manning & Napier Advisors, and Jill Rae Signs.

For more information about becoming involved with NYIWA 2017 as a sponsor, wine or fine lifestyle items donor, guest or volunteer, contact Auction Director Tony Vennera at (315) 574-7355 or tvennera@nyiwa.com. For updates regarding the 2016 event, visit www.nyiwa.com.

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