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9th Annual After d'Arc Gala "Achieving Sixty Years"



[Aberdeen] – More than 300 people attended the 9th Annual After d'Arc Gala on Saturday, March 23, 2013. This event to benefit The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region was held at Maryland Golf & Country Clubs in Bel Air and featured Kristy Breslin of WJZ-TV as emcee. The display of vintage cars and overall theme took us back to 1953, the year The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region was founded. A video commemorating the 60th Anniversary was created by Tim Reca, Video Accord and included a voice over by Lindy Ford. The video touched the hearts of all attendees as it shared the dreams of our founding families and highlighted the achievements made over the past 60 years.

The local business community provided key support for this event. Glenn and Sylvia Arrington of Group Benefit Strategies, LLC in Bel Air served as Event Chairs for this year's event. Rhoula Monios of Smyth

Jewelers has been involved since the inception of this event and returned as Honorary Co-Chair and a major contributor to the jewelry raffle. Mary Sue Lynch was one lucky woman, as her \$100 raffle entry earned her a \$5,000 Smyth shopping spree.

The event generated net proceeds in excess of \$71,000 to help support adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Harford and Cecil counties. The Silent Auction was themed and each item was assigned to either How To Marry a Millionaire, All About Him, Home and Garden, or Puttin' On the Ritz. Attendees bid on more than 80 Silent Auction items. This year's special appeal held at the event was called "Fund the Need" and assists Arc supported individuals with receiving dental care. Local dentists pledged over \$15,000 of dental care. Over \$10,750 of Fund the Need donations were raised during the event and will be used to match dentist donations. Dentists who supported this campaign include Dr. Mary Teddy-Wray of Laurel Bush Dentistry, Dr. Andrew Smith of Smith & Co. Dental Practitioners, Dr. Nahid Shahry of General Dentistry of Bel Air, Dr. Daniel McLellan of Blue Sky Dental Care, Dr. Dawn Phillips of Campus Hills Dentistry, Dr. Alexander Pazoki, Dr. Rina Walter of Clearly Dental, and Dr. Tessa Modiri and Dr. Edgar Radjabli of Abingdon Family Dentistry.

Auctioneer Derek Hopkins captured the attention of all attendees as he announced the Live Auction. Items for this year's Live Auction included: dinner and drink service for ten at Bonefish Grill, Fishing Charter and crab feast for six, Four Grandstand Tickets to the 2013 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, one-week stay in Vasto, Italy, and a Time Flies package which featured helicopter, bi-plane and glider rides as well as a men's luxury watch. The most popular item on the live auction block was a Ray Lewis autographed Super Bowl Football. The bidding war for this item was so intense that Smyth Jewelers generously donated an additional Ray Lewis signed ball for the second highest bidder.

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A special thank you to our 2013 After d'Arc Committee Members: Glenn Arrington, Sylvia Arrington, Melody Bennett, Kristy Breslin, Julie Chmura, Mark Dardozzi, Patty Desiderio, Linda Flint, Kelly Jester, Jim Keefe, Valerie Keys, Sue Manning, Debbie May, Meggin M'Gonigle-Reeder, Carole Novak, Sean Parks, Patrice Ricciardi, Diane Sengstacke, Debi Williams and Kimberly Zavrotny.

Captions for photos (from left to right):

1. Sylvia and Glenn Arrington of Group Benefit Strategies served as Event Chairs for the 2013 After d'Arc Gala.
2. Denise and Mark Dardozzi, Kelly Jester and Sylvia Arrington take a minute to celebrate the success of the event.
3. Mary Sue Lynch, the winner of our Smyth Jewelry raffle shares her excitement with Rhoula Monios of Smyth Jewelers.
4. Members of the Aberdeen Rotary Club are pictured with The Arc NCR Director of Development, Julie Chmura and Arc individuals Amber Kyle and Joe Cardiff.
5. Mary Riedlbauer displaying one of the Ray Lewis autographed Super Bowl footballs featured in the live auction.
6. Smyth jewelers served as Honorary Co-Chair and had a table on site where attendees could buy their Pandora bracelets and enter the raffle to win a \$5,000 Smyth shopping spree.

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The Arc Northern Chesapeake Region offers a wide variety of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, both children and adults, in Harford and Cecil counties, to make informed choices with their lifestyles, vocations, education and recreational pursuits, and to assure stable and nurturing lives among their families and friends.