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Columbia Community Foundation Annual Fall Gala Reaches Milestone

In this season of Thanksgiving the Columbia Community Foundation is very thankful to everyone who helped make the 2012 Fall Gala a tremendous success. This was the fifth annual Fall Gala and the Board had set a goal of raising at least \$20,000 for scholarships, grants and other charitable works in the community.

Through the abundant generosity of those who attended the Gala, bid on the silent and live auction items, or simply made contributions, the 2012 Fall Gala brought in \$25,000, bringing the five year total for the event to more than \$100,000.

During the live auction, a Unique Donation Opportunity raised more than \$7,000 - in only five minutes time - specifically for the Foundation's college scholarship program.

Space does not permit us to list all of the donors here, but we are grateful to each of them. The complete list of donors is available on the Columbia Community Foundation's website.

The Foundation was also pleased to honor the civic contributions of its honorary chairpersons, Marcia Wonnacott, and Jim Hart (posthumously).

Please remember to save the date for the next year's Fall Gala on Saturday, November 2, 2013.

The Columbia Community Foundation provides funding for scholarships, and good works in the community. For information on the organization, please call the Columbia Community Foundation at 440-236-8000 or visit the group's website at www.columbiacommunityfoundation.org.

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