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BOTHWELL FOUNDATION BENEFIT RAISES FUNDS TO IMPROVE LOCAL HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

SEDALIA – The Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation Benefit, “Generations of Stars,” set a fund-raising milestone that will allow the hospital to acquire much-needed equipment in its Women’s Health, Nursery and Pediatrics Departments.

The foundation’s third biennial benefit, held Saturday, Nov. 3, raised an estimated \$107,000, making it the most successful Bothwell Foundation event to date in terms of dollars raised.



Dr. Abe Azan, accompanied by his wife, Marcia and their daughter, Briauna, talks about his career as an OB/GYN in Sedalia. Dr. Azan will retire in December after 30 years of serving the community.

“We are humbled by the level of giving and support that we saw at our Generations of Stars benefit,” said David Floyd, president of the Foundation Board of Directors. “Outside of the capital campaign for construction of the Canon Center, this was our most successful effort to date. What’s wonderful about gifts to the Foundation is that these dollars stay right here and are used to make health care better for our own families and friends.”

Funds raised at the event will be used to purchase a new hearing screening system for newborns, a blanket-warming cabinet, more than a dozen bassinets and four neonatal transilluminators, a device makes it easier to see tiny veins to start IVs in babies.

The event also included a tribute to Dr. Abe Azan, an ob/gyn physician who has practiced in Sedalia for more than 30 years. Dr. Azan will retire from Bothwell OB/GYN Associates in December.

The foundation also announced receipt of a donation from the Beykirch family to honor their parents Bob and Dorothy Beykirch. Bothwell Regional Health Center is naming the Labor/Delivery area of the Women's Health Unit the Beykirch Birthing Center in appreciation of the gift.

Other special recognitions during the evening included Dugan's Paint & Flooring for its second annual Decorate for a Cure event that raises money for the Foundation's Gene Loveall Cancer Services Fund, and Lockett's Fig Leaf, for raising money to redecorate pediatric rooms at the hospital.

The event also featured a bra auction of bras decorated for a Moore's Greenhouse and Flower Shops promotion during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October.

Other local partners in the event included the Ivory Grille, which prepared dinner; the Benton House in Warsaw, which provided bar service; student nurses at State Fair Community College, who served dinner; a quintet from the Sedalia Symphony; the Boys & Girls Club of West Central Missouri, which provided audio-visual services; Sacred Heart National Honor Society students who served as hostesses, and local volunteers who provided valet service.

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The Beykirch family made a substantial contribution to the Foundation Women's and Children's Services Fund in honor of their parents, Bob and Dorothy Beykirch, and their support of the miracle of new life. In appreciation, the Bothwell Board of Trustees has named the labor and delivery section of the Women's Health Unit the Beykirch Birthing Center. Accepting the plaque, from left, are Greg and Courtney Beykirch and Paul and Kathy Beykirch.



Foundation Board President Dave Floyd and Event Chairwoman Robyn Wadley thank guests for a wonderful evening.