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HABITAT ART AUCTION DEEMED BIG SUCCESS

The Fifth Annual, "One of a Kind" Art Auction, featuring original art by local artists, benefited Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area.

The Fifth Annual "One-of-a-Kind" Art Auction was held Saturday night at the Hershey Country Club and turned out to be a huge success. The yearly event topped last year's total in art sales and raised more than \$20,000 for Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area. A portion of the proceeds from this year's auction will help fund a new construction for the Robert's family. Ms. Roberts and her family were on hand to greet guests prior to the auction.

The "One-of-a-Kind" Art Auction was sponsored by M&T Bank and provided an exciting opportunity for artists, art collectors, community leaders and area residents to learn more about working artists in the greater Harrisburg area and buy original, top quality art. More than 100 items from local artists were donated to the silent and live auctions on Saturday evening.

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“To say we were happy with the results of this year’s art auction would be an understatement,” said Eve Wachhaus, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area. “In these tough economic times, it was wonderful to see our totals for art sold set a new five-year high. To get the support of local artists, a local vineyard, local musicians, restaurants, caterers, and community-minded people all working together to change the life of the Robert’s family was extraordinary!”

The five auctions have now raised more than \$85,000 and will now help a fifth family move into their own new home.

This year’s event featured the music of Gary Shelton along with Jim and Joellen Zitch. The reception prior to the auction also included a wine tasting courtesy of Cullari Vineyards and Winery of Hershey. Local restaurants and caterers from around central Pennsylvania also made generous donations for this special event. Professional auctioneers David Birmingham and Wes Ruhrig donated their time to make the auction a success and ABC27 TV personality Dennis Owens was on hand to lend his “expertise” to the festivities.

Staff members from the Hershey Entertainment and Resorts and students from Penn State Harrisburg also donated their time to help make the event enjoyable for all those in attendance. The Penn State students, under the direction of Professor Scott Lewis, have also pledged to raise \$2,000 for the event.

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