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HARC'S WINE AUCTION NETS A RECORD \$84,558

The 12th Annual New York International Wine Auction (NYIWA), held September 28th at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown, netted a whopping \$84,558, a new record amount raised to assist the Herkimer Area Resource Center in helping people with disabilities to achieve full potential and to live enriched lives.

HARC Executive Director Kevin Crosley commented, "This year was incredible. More and more people tell us that NYIWA is one of the premier events in the Mohawk Valley. Our success would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, donors, and volunteers. Attendees truly embrace our mission which makes for a very special evening."

Crosley explained the proceeds would be used to provide services that are either underfunded or receive no funding at all at the state and federal levels. Two such programs at HARC are funded solely from proceeds from NYIWA. The Guardianship and Spirituality programs provide legal services and representation, and nondenominational spiritual activities, respectively, for people with disabilities.

NYIWA 2008 is slated for its first Saturday night on November 15. HARC is working in concert with the Otesaga Hotel to plan a weekend of events: from overnight accommodations to international wine tastings to wine seminars — culminating in spectacular silent and live auctions and a grand gourmet dinner on Saturday evening.

NYIWA's 2007 top ten bidders include: B.J. and Kathy Queen, Frank and Dominica Annese, Harrison "Chip" and Judy Hummel, Richard and Kimberly Hanna, Dr. Robert Lancey and Lisa Manna, Jesse and Ivy Bailey, Friend of HARC, Drew and Donna Goodbread, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Burrows, and John and Jackie Romano.



NYIWA Auction Director Tony Vennera, back, starting left, Wine Model Carl List, and Sommelier Johannes Neckerman present Harrison "Chip" and Judy Hummel with a six-liter bottle of 2005 Grace Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon for their winning bid at the Live Auction. The Grace bottle is one of the most sought-after lots of the evening. The Hummels were also on the "Top 10 Bidders" list for NYIWA 2007.

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Sponsors for 2007 included: Annese & Associates, WKTV, WXUR/WNRS, ConMed Corporation, Scalzo, Zogby and Wittig, Inc., Neckermann Consulting, Jill Rae Signs, First Source Federal Credit Union, John and Jeanie Scarzafava, John & Jackie Romano, Robert and Violet Morris, The Bonadio Group, Crystal Chandelier Restaurant, Quadsimia, Adonis-Avanti Limousine Service, Inc., Hannaford Food & Drug Store, REM Fire Systems, Inc., Romanelli Advertising Design, Inc., Assemblyman Marc and Susan Butler, BJ Queen Enterprises, LLC, NBT Bank, Jim Brock Agency, Waterfront Grille, Leonard Bus Sales, Inc., Mohawk Valley Printing Co., Robert Relph Advisors, and Yetty's Pizza.

For more information about becoming involved with NYIWA 2008 as a sponsor, donor, guest or volunteer, contact Tony Vennera at (315) 866-2920 or tvennera@herkimerarc.org. Visit www.nyiwa.com for additional information regarding the live and silent auctions and gourmet dinner.