

Merrimack Valley YMCA's 28th Annual Auction Gala

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Friends and supporters of the Merrimack Valley YMCA gathered on Saturday, March 23, 2019 for their 28th Annual Auction Gala. Through the generosity and support received that evening, the Merrimack Valley YMCA was able to raise more than \$170,000. All of that money will be used to directly support the YMCA's mission to provide opportunities for children, adults and families in the community.

Each year, the YMCA provides essential services and financial assistance to enhance public access to fitness, health, educational enrichment and numerous other services focused on healthy living, social responsibility and youth development.



Auctioneer Paul Maglio gets the bidding going in the live auction.



MVYMCA COO Frank Kenneally with Marilyn Fitzgerald who is a member of the MVYMCA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.



Golden Ticket winners Howard and Brenda Reeve with Lawrence YMCA Board member Debra Schmidt, and MVYMCA Board of Directors member Greg Schmidt.



Hugo Guerra, Camping Services Board member Yvette Guerra, Lawrence YMCA Board member Rosa Munoz, Jose Munoz and Nancy Sarro who is also a member of the Lawrence YMCA Board.



Lawrence YMCA Board member Ruby Balborda and Dan Lennon of Lawrence General Hospital.



Matt Walsh, Dean of Student Support Services for the Parthum School in Lawrence, Parthum School student Wilfelina Guzman, Andover/North Andover YMCA Senior Executive Director Claudia Soo Hoo and Camping Services Board member, Lauren Moore.



State Senator Barry Finegold, Lauren McCarron, Chris Huntress, and Camping Services Board member Diane Huntress.



MVYMCA Board of Directors Chairman Peter Lafond and Diane Lafond.



Kay Champoux, Wil Carpenter of the Chamber of Commerce, Jay Karamourtopoulos, and Lawrence YMCA Board member Anthony Karamourtopoulos.



MVYMCA Youth and Teen Leadership participants Andy Kentel, Aliany Rosario, Jason Kenneally, Anna Rozzi, Anna Flynn and Lily Rosario helped at the event.