

## "Bids" gets rave reviews

Staff Reports

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(Front) Julie Peace, Lonnie Houck, Andrea Asciutto, (rear) Jim Peace, Jessica Fincher, Stephen Sines, Colleen Phillips and Tom Dougherty (Martin County Teacher of the Year) enjoy another successful Education Foundation gala.

In only its fourth year, The Education Foundation of Martin County's "An Evening of Excellence/Bids for Kids" again received rave reviews.

The upscale, yet totally enjoyable event, raised more than \$60,000 to provide special opportunities for students in Martin County public schools. Some 200 guests partied at Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart. They particularly enjoyed perusing project display boards created by students and teachers as evidence of the positive difference Foundation dollars make in the classroom.

Guest host and WPTV NewsChannel 5 Bureau Chief Bryan Garner acknowledged the many accomplishments of the Foundation, including awarding \$485,000 in Classroom Enrichment grants, a new Artstry Residency program in partnership with the Lyric Theatre, tens of thousands of lives saved by the Foundation's Gift of Life program in partnership with Florida's Blood Centers, and the announcement that all Martin County school sites are now equipped with automatic external defibrillators.

To learn more about the Education Foundation, call (772) 219-1200.

