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Education Foundation Celebrates Public Education

St. Lucie County, Fl – Over 150 dignitaries and guests attended the 20th Annual Evening for Education Dinner, hosted by the St. Lucie County Education Foundation. The dinner was held at the Harbour Ridge Clubhouse in Palm City and raised over \$60,000 in support of public education.

The Education Foundation would like to thank title sponsor Keiser University as well as all the other sponsors which includes Treasure Coast Lexus, PNC Bank, MIDFLORIDA Credit Union, Paul Jacquin & Sons Construction, Seacoast Bank and Comcast Cable.



The Roaring 20's themed event included dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions that benefit St. Lucie Public Schools. And for the first time, the evening featured the introduction of the 2019 Hall of Champions. The Hall of Champions was created to recognize distinguished alumni and outstanding community leaders who support public education.

This year's inductees included Sheriff Ken Mascara and Adams Ranch as Community Leaders with Kerry Padrick and Larry Lee being recognized as Distinguished Alumni. Each of the four was introduced and thanked for their contributions to St. Lucie County Public Education.

A long list of items were available for bidding during the silent and live auctions including a 2-year lease on a 2020 Lexus valued at more than \$38,000. Vacations, jewelry and many other valued items were bid on during the evening.

"This was an outstanding evening for our teachers, students and public education," stated Thom Jones, President of the St. Lucie Education Foundation. "We are thankful for the many businesses and individuals who support public education."

The Evening for Education was created in 1999 to raise awareness and celebrate public education. Monies raised during this event help the Education Foundation provide teacher grants, student scholarships and high school mentoring programs to help students graduate.

Foundation grants also support STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) and CTE programs (Career & Technical Education) such as healthcare and automotive engineering.

The St. Lucie Education Foundation awards over 70 scholarships each year, to students of excellence and students of need that have succeeded against personal challenges.

St. Lucie Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation dedicating to advancing public K-12 education. The Foundation has been providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students in St. Lucie County since 1990.

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