



A Benefit Celebration of Fine Wine, Fare & Friends!

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OVER \$70,000 RAISED AT GRAPES ON TOUR ***FEATURING*** ***CLEVELAND'S FINEST HORS D'OEUVRE CONTEST***

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600 attend Wine Tasting Event to Benefit Our Lady of the Wayside

(Cleveland) – More than \$70,000 was raised Thursday, July 8th in support of Our Lady of the Wayside (www.thewayside.org) helping the agency generate over \$1,000,000 since the Grapes event began 11 years ago.

“We are so grateful for the support and proud of the continued relationships with our Presenting Sponsors, Giant Eagle and American Airlines. Our events go a long way towards assisting us in accomplishing our goals to create opportunities and pathways for our consumers and their families,” said Terry Davis, CEO of The Wayside.

Our Lady of the Wayside provides homes and programs for 300 children and adults who are mentally and physically challenged. The non-profit agency operates in 29 communities in Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties.

Giant Eagle presented *Grapes on Tour* featuring *Cleveland's Finest Hors d'Oeuvre Contest*, an event attended by more than 600 guests, who were treated to a special evening at The Market Pavilion - Heritage Park Hall of Fame, with tasty hors d'oeuvres from Cleveland's top restaurants and 200 vintages from many of the finest wineries around the world.

The presentation of the “Best of Grapes” as voted on by those in attendance was presented to “Best of Red” Menage a Trois, while “Best of White” was presented to Terra d’Oro Moscato.

Guests voted for their favorite hors d'oeuvre and Chef Marlin Mayorga from Corleone's Ristorante in Parma received the most votes with his delicious Blackened Scallops, Cilantro Rice & Seaweed Salad with Sweet Soy Sauce. Second place went to Chef Mike Lipnos of Carrie Cerino's with Guinness Shrimp Soffio, while third place honors went to Chef Genna Larson of The Treehouse Tea Room in Avon with a selection of Slow Roasted Beef Roll up.

The event was attended by a large number of impressive favorites, including Mike and Sharon Hargrove. Alex Bevan wowed the crowd with his local flavor of music. Other highlights included an additional \$5,500 raised during live and silent auctions of fine art and other sport related items. Celebrity hosts John Lanigan, Nancy Alden and Joe Crea auctioned off an a six liter bottle of Taittinger Brut Franxais, a Nemaocolin Woodsland Resort Getaway, and Mike Hargrove walked through the crowd and auctioned a Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp Experience. The Silent Auction featured Sports memorabilia from photographer Janet Macoska and creations from local artists.

The 11th Annual Grapes on Tour is presented by Giant Eagle and American Airlines and is produced by Our Lady of the Wayside. Associate sponsors are Cleveland.com, Cleveland Magazine, FOX 8, The Plain Dealer, WDOK 102.1 and WMJI MAJIC 105.7 FM.

Featured performers: Bonterra, Concannon, Jade Mountain, Marrassou, and Trincherro. Participating restaurants include: Beckers Bakery, Carrie Cerino's Ristorante, Chinato, Corleone's Ristorante, John Q's Steakhouse, Parallax, Progressive Field, Stancato's, Strip, The Tree House Tea Room, The Woods, and World's Fare Culinary.

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For more information on Our Lady of the Wayside and future events, visit www.thewayside.org .