



The Upper Room Brings in \$61,000 by Treating Guests to a Night in Paris

Non-Profit's 12th Annual Family Matters Auction is highly successful

Derry, NH, November 20, 2013 – The Upper Room, a Family Resource Center, raised revenues of \$61,000+ from its sold out 12th Annual Family Matters Auction, held November 1, 2013. Themed “A Night in Paris,” the non-profit turned Promises to Keep in Derry, NH into a scene reminiscent of the most famous city in France. Proceeds from the night will support The Upper Room’s long-standing mission – providing people with the services and resources they need to live happier, healthier and more self sufficient lives.

The event featured live and silent auctions, a caricature artist, can-can girls, mimes, food, drink, raffles, and games.

The Upper Room wants to thank its 20 volunteers, 10 major sponsors (including WBIN-TV, Dollar Bill’s Auction Outlet and Wholesale Company, Parkland Medical Center, and Bank of New England), 11 local restaurants who catered the evening, 250 guests, and hundreds of donors who made the evening unforgettable. The Upper Room also would like to recognize its staff, Board of Directors, and Development Committee for their hard work all year to make the event a success.

“We could not have raised this much money without the help of our supporters who donated time, money, and resources,” remarked Kimberly Bavaro, Executive Director of The Upper Room. “And of course we’d be remiss not to thank all of our guests for generously placing their bids on the 280 auction items available. Simply speaking, we felt the love in the room that night. We are so grateful to be able to utilize those dollars to help those in our community who need it most.”

The Upper Room witnessed 62 guests opting to “Fund a Family” – a program that started at the non-profit’s 2012 Family Matters Auction. Fund a Family is a \$250 donation that will directly support one family throughout the year by The Upper Room’s programs and services. “That’s \$15,500 in pure donations” said Bavaro, “from selfless individuals who did not expect anything tangible in return. We are so appreciative, and can’t wait to do it all again next year.”

To see photos from the event, please visit urteachers.org/involved-auction.html.

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About The Upper Room

Founded in 1986, The Upper Room, A Family Resource Center is a non-profit 501(C) 3 organization committed to creating educational programs and services, which strengthen individuals, families and the community. Our center is a warm, welcoming place where families receive information and support not only in times of crisis but on a day-to-day basis. There are no barriers, income guidelines or geographic limitations to participation. Our doors are open to all who come to them. For more information, call (603) 437-8477, or visit our website at www.URteachers.org