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**DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES EDUCATION FOUNDATION RAISES \$79,000  
FOR DCG STUDENTS AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

**GRIMES, IOWA** (November 12, 2024) - More than 200 members of the Dallas Center and Grimes communities attended the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation's (DCGEF) 7th annual RED Dinner and Auction held on November 2 at Three Sisters Barn in Dallas Center. The RED event, which is an abbreviation for "Raising Education Dollars", raised more than \$79,000 in gross proceeds for the scholarship program.

During the RED Dinner and Auction, attendees were treated to a delicious meal, live auction, silent auction, program, games, and entertainment. In-person attendees could bid on live auction items, while the silent auction was held online and open to the community.

"We are incredibly grateful for our community's unwavering support of DCG students," said Tiffany Hamil, DCGEF board president. "Thanks to our donors, sponsors, attendees, and dedicated volunteers, DCGEF is empowering students to pursue their dreams and reach their full potential. These students are our future innovators, leaders, and changemakers, and we want to give them every opportunity to succeed on their unique journeys by reducing financial burdens."

During the evening special tribute was paid to John Thomas, one of the founding members of DCGEF who passed away earlier this year. Members of the Thomas family were in attendance and received a round of applause to recognize John's legacy.

"John's commitment in establishing DCGEF and nurturing its success through his kindness and dedication to education will leave a lasting impact on our community," Hamil added. "He will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on."

The evening would not have been possible without the support of many community donors and sponsors. Special recognition goes to our dinner sponsor - Scott and Amber Mikkelsen, drink sponsor - 1<sup>st</sup> Street Tavern, prize sponsor - VisionBank, wine pull sponsor – EDGE Commercial, whiskey pull sponsor – Dave Crawford Real Estate, and photo booth sponsors – Pink Couch Wellness and Springbrooke Marketing. Visit [www.dcgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org) to view the complete list of RED event donors.

DCGEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, volunteer-run, and operated separately from the Dallas Center-Grimes school district. Its mission is to support DCG students in their pursuit of higher education through financial scholarships generated in partnership with community philanthropic and fundraising initiatives.

Since inception in 2014, the DCGEF has awarded 952 scholarships for a total of \$1.1 million awarded to DCG students. Scholarships awarded are a combination of DCGEF-fundraised and investment dollars, and locally sponsored scholarships. Scholarships are awarded each May to the DCG graduating class.

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### **About Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation**

Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF), a 501(c)3 non-profit, works with local organizations, businesses, and community members to fundraise for and manage scholarship programs for students in the DCG school district planning to attend a trade school, college or university following high school. Learn more about DCGEF at [www.dcgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org).