

\$140,000 raised at event for Boys & Girls Clubs

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FRAMINGHAM — The recent 2008 St. Mary's Credit Union Bids for Kids auction and gala at the Sheraton Framingham raised \$140,000 to benefit the summer and after-school programs offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest.

Some 300 guests, sponsors, and honorees attended and participated in both a silent auction and the Fund a Need portion of the evening, helping to raise money. Celebrity emcee Susan Wornick of WCVB Channel 5 was a crowd pleaser and shared in the importance of the evening.

"We are thankful for the support of all of our sponsors who helped make this year's gala a phenomenal fundraising event," said Fran Hurley, president of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Metrowest, in a press release. "It is especially important during these challenging economic times, when our services are in even higher demand that we continue to raise the funds that are critical to providing quality out-of-school programs."

Thanks went out to the sponsors, including St. Mary's Credit Union-Title Sponsor; Avidia Bank-Presenting Sponsor; DCU for Kids and Rohm & Haas-Premier Sponsors; Kane Industrial Trust, Staples, Inc., The Entwistle Company, and Murphy Insurance Agency-Dream Sponsors; CPS-Summer Camp Video Sponsor; National Grid, Akibia, Patriot Ambulance, Boyd Coatings, Inc., and NSTAR-Red Carpet Sponsors.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest serves over 3,200 children and youth each year with a membership fee of only \$25 per child, which makes it one of the largest and most affordable Boys & Girls Club organizations in Massachusetts. More about the club is available online at www.bgcmetrowest.org.

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