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Art of Caring

CASA of Baltimore brings together supporters and artists to raise funds for youth-focused work

The Load of Fund gallery in the Station North Arts District was the setting for the 2nd Annual Art of Caring: Art Auction and Reception to benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Baltimore.

CASA's signature fundraising event this year garnered more than \$30,000 in sponsorships and art sales. Guests bid on art donated by over 50 local artists, including that of Honorary Chair Edna Emmet.

"By all accounts, Art of Caring was a huge success," Jessica Baker, CASA of Baltimore's board chair, said. "The place was packed, the music was perfect, the wine was flowing and all of

the art, except one or two pieces, got bids."

CASA of Baltimore recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers appointed to act as a voice for individual foster children by the Baltimore City Juvenile Court, to provide written, objective recommendations to the court, to serve as a consistent adult presence, and to monitor that child's well-being.

There are thousands of foster children living in Baltimore, and CASA relies on the annual Art of Caring event to raise awareness and the financial resources to someday provide a caring CASA volunteer to every Baltimore City foster child.

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CASA Board Members Jessica Baker, senior project manager, BGE Smart Grid at Constellation Energy, and John Lessner, associate general counsel at Erickson Living, were pleased with the turnout.



From left, David Bergman, professor of cultural studies, Towson University; Claudia Wright, juvenile justice monitor, Office of the Maryland Attorney General; and Jack Gohn, partner, Gohn, Hankey & Stichel LLP, were seen having a great time together.



Dr. Robin Weiss (left) and Susan Leviton, professor, University of Maryland School of Law, were all smiles.



A group of young professionals were on hand to view the many artists' submissions to the auction. From left, Rob Tate, owner, Tate Engineering; Lauren Schein, administrative assistant, Clear Channel Media and Entertainment; Megan Isenock, research and communications manager, Downtown Partnership of Baltimore; and Maureen Regan, senior associate, 3 Click Solutions.



From left, Marcy Feeney, owner, Marcy Feeney Interiors; Allan Klotzbach; Debra Colmers, clinical supervisor at Lighthouse Inc.; and Liz Kameen, principal counsel, Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education, pause between making bids for art objects.

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