



Clarkson Eyecare Foundation Fifth Annual Bright Future Gala A Success

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November 24, 2008...The Clarkson Eyecare Foundation held its fifth annual Bright Future fundraising gala on Saturday, November 15, 2008. Funds raised from the 470 guests during the event supports the programs of the foundation, including the Clarkson Eyecare Free Vision Clinics at Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club Grand and Adams Park, InfantSEE, EyeGeneration, mission trips to the Dominican Republic in conjunction with the Pujols Family Foundation, Vision USA, *Season for Sight* and LASIK for the physically challenged.

The Bright Future Gala took place at the Kemp Auto Museum in Chesterfield Valley. A reception and a silent auction started off the night at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing. Michael Prince of Signature Eyewear was presented with the 2008 Bright Future Visionary Award. Guests gathered to hear speeches from foundation president, Craig Doiron, founder, Bill Jehling, Fox2 personality and emcee, Randi Naughton, and guest auctioneer, Kelly Chase, of the St. Louis Blues.

“I thought the turnout and profit of the event would be down due to the current economic conditions, so I was thrilled with the results. We raised more money than last year and I can’t thank everyone enough, including the volunteers,” said Tesha Peel, foundation director and event organizer.

Clarkson Eyecare established the Clarkson Eyecare Foundation in 2004 in an effort to continue and expand on community outreach programs already in place. The Clarkson Eyecare Foundation is a nonprofit eye health organization dedicated to a mission of “enhancing quality of life by providing vision improvement and access to a bright future.” The foundation is committed to improving access to vision care through eye care services. It exists to provide eye health services to underprivileged and specific-need individuals.

Continued support for the foundation is needed throughout the year. Individuals interested in supporting the mission of The Clarkson Eyecare Foundation and giving people access to a bright future may send their donation, payable to the Clarkson Eyecare Foundation, to 217 Clarkson Road, Ellisville, MO 63011, or may call 636-227-2600. More information and pictures of the event are available at www.theclarksoneyecarefoundation.org.

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