

# TOLEDO FREE PRESS

GREAT GIVING

DYS and Humane Society host even

Written by Christine Senack | [christine@senackandassociates.co](mailto:christine@senackandassociates.co)

Diabetes Youth Services (DYS) presented its fourth annual gala event, "Sweet Success," and it seems that the event was clearly a success. Early indications are that it raised between \$60,000 and \$65,000, said Susan Harms, DYS executive director.

"We had an overwhelming level of support from local businesses as sponsors and donors of auction items," said Harms. "This year's event was unique in that we had a local celebrity who was able to highlight the importance of our cause. He also donated exclusive items that offered bidders a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Silent and live auction items had a golf theme supported by the honorary chairman, Rick Smith, who is a world-renowned golf professional. Among the auction items were elite golf packages with unlimited golf, accommodations and private lessons at Smith's golf academy at his resorts in Gaylord, Michigan and Naples, Florida. Smith also donated a flag from the Masters Tournament signed by golfer Phil Mickelson.

Proceeds from Sweet Success fund educational services for more than 3,000 children in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan living with type 1 diabetes. DYS offers instruction for children and their families on management of the disease. Program highlights include summer camps in addition to year-round programming. Also DYS provides training for local school staff members.

Volunteers with the Toledo Area Humane Society (TAHS) recently organized a special "Cat in the Hat" dinner event to benefit the charity's programs for homeless, abused and abandoned cats and kittens. The event was led by the owner of Rain Tees, Beth Doane.

"I was thrilled to organize this particular event because like so many cities across the US, Toledo has a cat overpopulation problem," said Doane. "For example, one un-spayed female cat and her average of 3 litters a year can product 427,000 stray kittens within seven years."

Doane said that there are times of the year referred to as "Kitty Season" by TAHS. People literally drop off boxes of kittens at the agency's doorstep. The kittens receive proper medical treatment and care until they are adopted. TAHS also has outreach programs in which volunteers go into local schools with a pet and teach kids about the work that TAHS does and how to care for pets.

The "Cat in the Hat" event raised \$860 and more than 40 people attended. The event was a simple one, an Italian meal at Sebastiano's Restaurant with a wine tasting on a Monday evening. The restaurant owner, Sebastiano Caniglia was pleased to help TAHS.

"I like animals. I think the Humane Society a great job in protecting animals and preventing abuse," said Caniglia. "I am glad I can help them by opening my restaurant to them."

Christine Senack is a Toledo-based consultant connecting people, places and things for the greater good of our community. For more information on using social media effectively, connect with her on Facebook.com.

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 18 Art of Fine Living. Join the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and its supporters for an event featuring luxury auction items and food from local celebrity chefs. Tickets are \$125. Visit [acgt.org](http://acgt.org) for more information.

Nov. 15 Give a Little. Get a Lot. Shop Levis Commons after hours at this exclusive event. Choose the charity you wish to benefit with the purchase of a \$10 ticket. The event features special sales and discounts at stores and



TAHS Executive Director John Dinon with Beth Doane and Sebastiano Caniglia.

restaurants. Visit [shopleviscommons.com](http://shopleviscommons.com) for more information.

Nov. 20 Wine Affair. Enjoy food, entertainment, wine tasting, silent auction and a live auction to benefit the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio. Tickets are \$95. For more information visit [kfnwo.org](http://kfnwo.org).

This entry was posted on Thursday, November 12th, 2009 at 7:15 pm and is filed under [Community](#), [Great Giving](#)

You can follow any responses to this entry through the [RSS 2.0](#) feed

You can skip to the end and leave a response. Pinging is currently not allowed.