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"Celebrating the Arts, Community & Cultural Heritage since 2000"

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Letter to the Editor:

Along with the Board of Directors and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Auction Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our many supporters for their contributions to our recent fundraising event. The St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts recently held the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction at the Town & Country Inn and Resort on March 16th. The staff of the Town & Country took very good care of us by delivering a wonderful meal prepared with Tender Labnon Care! Thanks to Randy Labnon, Scott Labnon, our wait staff, the cooks, the bartender, those who set up the Shelburne Room and all of those who worked behind the scenes to help us prepare for our event! What a perfect space for the evening!

I would also like to make mention of the numerous supporters whose donations were the basis of our fundraising efforts: Attitash/Wildcat Mountain, Berlin Bowling Center, Berlin Historical Society, Berlin Marketplace, Bisson' Sugar House, Black Mountain Ski Resort, Eagle Mountain House, Foxwoods Casino, Gateway Gallery & Gifts, Kelly's Napa Auto Parts, Mohegan Sun Casino, Mountain View Grand, NH Correctional Facility, NH Motor Speedway, Northwoods Acupuncture and Santa's Village. Among our local donors were Berlin Quilters Guild/Material Girls, Fran & Joan Chamberlain, Denise Gagne, Violet Hatch, Brandon & Ashleigh Lavertu, Rita O'Donnell, Lucille Paradis, Maureen Ramsey, Sally Tourangeau and Susan Young.

In addition, I would like to personally thank Fr. Kyle Stanton, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, for his words of thanksgiving prior to our meal and Paul Fortier who, again this year, donated his time and talent to run our live auction. Paul's personal touch, his sense of humor and his ability "to work the room" were a delight and helped us to reach our fundraising goal.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank each and every one of our dinner guests for your support of the arts center, for taking the time out of your busy week to join us for this social event and for helping us raise money to keep the arts alive in the North Country. Whether it was your first or a return visit and you paid for your dinner ticket, participated in the 50/50 drawing, purchased raffle tickets and/or bid on the many silent and live auction items, you helped to make a difference!

For all of this, I am truly thankful. I look forward to continuing the mission here at St. Kieran's; to foster the growth and development of the arts in the greater Androscoggin Valley area and preserve our historic building. 2017 is just getting started! Please visit our website, www.stkieranarts.org, see what we have in store for our performance series and join us at the arts center as often as your schedule allows.

With Much Appreciation,

Monique Lavertu, Executive Director
St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts

*"The arts are the best insurance policy a city can take on itself."
-Woody Dumas, former Mayor of Baton Rouge*