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Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest sets record at recent fundraiser

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DCU for Kids accept their 2009 Corporate Partner for Youth award from Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest President, Fran Hurley (back row, third from left), Clubs Board Chair, David Officer (back row, fourth from left), and celebrity emcee, Susan Wornick (front row, second from right) at an Oct. 29 gala, which raised a record \$142,000. (Courtesy: Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest)

By Matt Rocheleau, Globe Correspondent

A record \$142,000 was raised to benefit summer and after school programs offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest at a recent annual gala at the Sheraton Framingham.

The organization announced Monday that the fourth annual Bids for Kids Auction & Gala held on Oct. 29 narrowly eclipsed last year's all-time high by around \$2,000.

Around 300 guests, sponsors, and honorees attended and participated in the club's largest fund-raising event of the year, which included a silent and live auction and raffle.

Susan Wornick of WCVB/Channel 5 emceed for a second straight year.

Framingham Club Director Tammi Pudlo received the 2009 Michael C. Sullivan Award. The club also honored DCU for Kids as 2009 Corporate Partner for Youth and CPS Heating and Cooling as 2009 Community Partner for Youth.

"We are thankful for the support of all of our sponsors who helped make this year's gala a great success," said President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest Fran Hurley in a press release. "It is especially important during these challenging economic times, when our services are in even higher

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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.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest serves over 3,200 youth each year at a membership fee of \$25 per child, which makes it one of the largest and most affordable Boys & Girls Club organizations in the state.

The club is celebrating 65 years of providing out-of-school programming for the youth of greater Marlborough, Hudson and Framingham.

The 2010 Bids for Kids Auction & Gala is scheduled for Oct. 28, 2010.

Those interested in becoming a sponsor or contributing in some other way at next year's event can call 508-485-4912.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest, visit www.bgcmetrowest.org.



CPS Heating & Cooling accept their 2009 Community Partner for Youth award from Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest President, Fran Hurley (far left), Clubs Board Chair, David Officer (second from left), and celebrity emcee, Susan Wornick (far right) at an Oct. 29 gala, which raised a record \$142,000. (Courtesy: Boys & Girls Clubs of MetroWest)

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