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## Ringwood Educational Foundation News

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### **REF Fourth Annual Dinner Dance Nearly Doubles 2003 Event Raises \$13,000 for Ringwood Schools**

**RINGWOOD** -- The Ringwood Educational Foundation announced today that the Fourth Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction held on March 20 raised more than \$13,000 - almost doubling last year's event -- which will be used for the Spring round of grants given to educators in the Ringwood public school system.

"We were pleased to raise \$7,500 last year, so bringing in over \$13,000 is really outstanding," said Foundation President Debra Ditterer. "Our Dinner Dance chair, Kelly Wogisch, and her committee really outdid themselves this year. I want to personally thank them for pulling out all the stops to bring in such a fantastic contribution for the public school children of Ringwood."

"I'm thrilled we had more than 140 people attend the dance at the Wayne Manor, and 58 items were sold during the auction," said Dinner Dance chair, Kelly Wogisch. "I would like to thank everyone who attended, sponsored an auction item, placed an ad in our Ad Book, or gave a donation. Their generous contributions have made the REF's Fourth Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction a huge success, which in turn has enabled the REF to make our children's educational experiences much richer."

Wogisch adds, "The success of this year's Dinner Dance and Silent Auction could not have been accomplished without the dedication of my invaluable committee. I am very grateful for all their hard work."

The Dinner Dance committee members include:

Denise Benson, Joanne Garvin, Kathy Moore, Ihoor Mulyk, Lisa Mulyk, Maureen Torchia, and Karen Walter.

The Foundation's other spring fundraisers - the first-ever Casino Bus Trip and the 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Fitness Walk held at Shepherd Lake - will take place on Thursday, April 8, and Saturday, May 8. Sponsorships are still available for the run.

The Ringwood Educational Foundation is a private, not for profit volunteer organization that is dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experience of the children in the Ringwood public school system in grades kindergarten through eight. The Foundation reviews project applications from teachers in the spring and fall, and awards grants based on criteria established by the Board of Trustees, some of which are: number of children affected, relevance to existing curriculum, and cost. Since April 2001, the Foundation has distributed more than \$52,500 to Ringwood educators.

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