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## Wine Fest Triumphs In Spite Of Economy

**Chesterton - The Crisis Center's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Wine Fest & Auction--"Northwest Indiana's Biggest Night" was held Thursday June 12, 2008 at Chesterton, Indiana's Sand Creek Country Club. The committee raised over a quarter of a million dollars in spite of a tough economy, thanks to contributors, attendees, and volunteers.**

Over 600 people attended the event that featured over two hundred silent and live auction items, gourmet food, and fine wine from National Wine & Spirits. An estimate of \$269,600 proceeds benefit the Crisis Center, Inc., a northwest Indiana agency that has offered crisis intervention and prevention services for children, youth and families since 1971.

The 50 member volunteer committee, led by chairpersons John Diederich, Janet Schulte, and E. Thomas Collins, Jr. share the credit for reaching a wide variety of new and past contributors from northwest Indiana and Chicago. The Crisis Center's Executive Director, Shirley Caylor; Associate Director, Barbara Wisdom; and Event Coordinator Nikki Wielgos also led the planning and execution effort for the Crisis Center's only fundraiser of the year.

This year's Live Auction included original oil or acrylic paintings by David and Line Tutwiler and Dennis Davis; Oprah tickets; trips to the Bahamas and California for a Dr. Phil show taping; a start to finish tour of steel making at Arcelor Mittal; a cruise from Chicago for 20 on a private boat; a limo tour of Michigan wine country; and for the ultimate in fishing or fun, a five day, four night cruise from Nassau for six on a private yacht that included food, beverage, snacks, fees and airfare.

Additional details, including a photo slideshow from the event, are available on the Crisis Center's website, [www.crisiscenterysb.org](http://www.crisiscenterysb.org)