

Gospa House Gala 2008

tops last year's success!

by Debbie Kilgore

The second Gospa House Gala took place on October 24, 2008 at the lovely Samuel's Grande Manor. With over 400 in attendance the Gala committee was able to increase its proceeds to over \$100,000, which will eventually go to the building of Gospa House on the grounds of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy.

Gold Sponsors Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, and West Herr Automotive Group along with \$1000 Level Sponsor 123 Delivery and \$500 Level Sponsors Best Buy, John W. Danforth, Murray Roofing, Reliance Financial Group, and United Wall & Ceiling Systems responded generously to the call to help many homeless women and children in need.

Once again Jodi Johnston, news anchor and reporter for the 5 o'clock news and co-anchor of the Daybreak Show at WGRZ TV graced all in attendance as our Master of Ceremonies. Singer extraordinaire, Nick Battistella entertained us during cocktail hour and Ed Kilgore and John Wabick were our fabulous auctioneers.

The evening began with Silent and Chinese Auctions, a cigar bar, cocktails and live entertainment followed by an incredible sit-down meal prepared and served by the wonderful staff at Samuel's. After dinner and before the live auction over 150 items were distributed to the many happy winners. When the very successful live auction was completed we were treated to the beautiful testimony of Roxanna Lopez, who didn't leave a dry eye in the room. After Amy Betros and Norm Paolini shared a special message and prayer we were then blessed and surprised by a young representative from the Best Buy store at the McKinley Mall who explained to all present a special campaign that will take place at their store in 2009 that will benefit Gospa House.

It was a beautiful evening that once again brought forth so many generous and talented people to share the vision of our Merciful Lord Jesus. For all those who had a wondrous hand in making The Gospa House Gala successful, may our good Lord bless you abundantly and may his mercy continue to fill your hearts with love and peace.

For more info on how you can help with Gospa House Gala 2009: please call 716-867-5838 or email Dakilgore@adelphia.net. Stay tuned for the announcement of the next Gospa Gala, to come later this month!



SOUP-ER CHILI NIGHTS!

You demanded its return, and we listened! This wonderful event resumes after a one-year hiatus with all the great chicken soup and chili you can eat, a super Chinese Auction, music and delicious home-made desserts. Don't get caught in the cold – get your bowl and spoon and join us for the "spiciest" St. Luke's event of the year!

Sat. Feb. 7th
4PM – 9PM

Blessed Sacrament Church

263 Claremont Ave.
Tonawanda, New York

\$10 per person, kids 12 and under free.
All you can eat!



The beautiful Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Luke's, where the missionaries gather for adoration daily

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A Part Of St. Luke's Everyday

Amy Betros, Norm Paolini, and Deacon Larry Eschbach will be speaking at parishes all over the Diocese of Buffalo about our A.P.O.St.L.E Program in the coming months of 2009. The program seeks men and women who feel called to be generous to the Mission by pledging a monthly donation to help pay for the everyday needs that keep our ministry in motion!

The donations collected in this campaign will help to pay the cost of fuel, utilities, water, garbage fees, and other "everyday" expenses that add up quickly! Without these vital services we simply cannot provide the community with the help it needs. With your help, the daily needs of the Mission can be taken care of. No pledge is too small or insignificant, and every dollar is used wisely!

Each person who pledges will receive 12 envelopes and the opportunity to donate by check or credit card. Funding God's Mercy has never been easier!

If you are interested in being an A.P.O.St.L.E, call the Mission at 894-4476 today, or use envelope enclosed in this newsletter!