

President's Message: November 2016

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We are on our way!

In the last issue I stated that SHAD has a long road ahead to grow the organization. Boy, did we get a jumpstart!

On September 23 SHAD Vice President Mary Ann Kovach chaired our third annual fundraiser and succeeded beyond any of our expectations. With more than 200 people in attendance, SHAD raised \$25,837. Thank you to all those who attended, our sponsors and to Mary Ann and her hardworking event committee.

This will not be SHAD's only fundraising event. Our board members are brainstorming additional ways in which the organization can bring in much-needed funds while raising SHAD's profile in the community. In fact, we are in the very early planning stages for holding a 5k race and 1-mile walk for sometime next summer. It's not too early to start training! We know that we can't solely rely on memberships, and we need to reach out to families and young professionals: members of our community who are not currently represented in our membership.

With support for SHAD, we can continue to be an advocate for the community and continue our work to remove and improve properties so they reach their fullest potential. To learn more about what we're working on and to become a member, visit our newly enhanced website at shad.org.