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### **Gala 2017 Exceeds All Expectations**

The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation's annual fundraising gala proved to be a huge success and the students and staff at Charlotte Catholic High School stand to benefit. The event, which was held March 25<sup>th</sup> at Carmel Country Club, netted more than \$140,000.

"We knew there was a lot of excitement heading into the event," said CCHS President Norm George. "But the turnout and the money raised exceeded all expectations. I think it shows the community is really confident in the direction of our Foundation and Charlotte Catholic High School."

The CCHS Foundation has worked to support Charlotte Catholic High School for more than 40 years. All the money the Foundation raises stays at the school to fund classroom grants, faith-related initiatives, scholarships and more including special awards that honor the school's best teachers.

"We can't thank those who came out, those who donated auction items and our corporate sponsors enough," said George. "We also need to give great credit to our Gala Committee. They put in many long hours to pull off an amazing night that is the most important fundraiser of the year for Charlotte Catholic High School."

This year's Gala included both a live and online auction. There was also a special Jeopardy-style board which allowed guests to directly purchase equipment and other items needed in many of our classrooms.

The evening was capped with a special ask to continue funding the CCHS Foundation's Sister Paulette Williams, RSM Awards for Outstanding Service. The annual awards honor those educators who go above and beyond to make a daily difference in the lives of our students. The Foundation takes nominations from the school community and five winners are announced at graduation. Each recipient receives a \$5000 award.

In addition to the Sister Paulette Williams Awards, the Foundation also announced the establishment of a broader "Teacher Impact Fund." The fund will allow the Foundation to award even more deserving teachers.

"We've been listening to our school community," said George. "They want us to continue to offer direct support to our classrooms, but they also want us to find ways to thank our teachers. We've done that in recent years with scholarships, the Sister Paulette Awards and now with this Teacher Impact Fund."

Nominations for the Sister Paulette Williams, RSM Awards for Outstanding Service are being accepted now. Those applications will also be used as part of the process to select recipients of a Teacher Impact Fund Award. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.cchsfoundation.org/awards-grants.html>