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Saratoga Bridges SOLD OUT “White Party” NETS over $131,000!

A record amount of $131,329 (NET) was raised at Saratoga Bridges SOLD OUT “White Party” Gala on Saturday, July 18th as Gala Chairs Patty Riggi and Robin Dalton, and their committee greeted over 650 guests at the prestigious FASIG TIPTON. Heather Bohm-Tallman Photography captured many moments at their largest annual fundraiser and extended an offer of FREE downloads at http://hbtphoto.pass.us/white-party-2015.  Guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet catered by Mazzone Hospitality Catering, cocktails were courtesy of DIAGEO & Ketel One Vodka, live and silent auctions, festive décor by Fine Affairs, beautiful floral arrangements donated by The Posie Peddler, entertainment from Saving Atlantis and a cigar roller from James & Sons Tobacconists.

The LIVE Auction, held in the famed auction house, generated close to $42,000 for the agency’s programs and services. This year they had a truly Special Guest start it off with a performance. Their very own “One Voice” band member, Jeffrey Scott, performed a drum piece created and accompanied by Kurt Freeman, the agency’s Implementation and Information Specialist before Chad Beatty, Past President of Saratoga Bridges Foundation Board and Sonny Bonacio, long-time supporter, started the bidding. Here are some of the items and winning bids:

- **Pavilion Grand Luxury Package:** Donated by Pavilion Grand Hotel, Mingle on the Avenue and all good things – Value $2,500
  
  *Winning Bid:* $2,200 by Co-Chair Patty Riggi

- **Bonacio $10,000 Home Project Makeover:** Donated by Bonacio Construction
  
  *Winning Bid:* $10,000 by Claudia Ryan

- **A Wine Dinner for 10 at Prime at Saratoga National:** Donated by Mazzone Hospitality & Prime at Saratoga National – Value $1,500
  
  *Winning Bid:* $5,300 by Walter Borisenok

- **Travers Day at the Races with Saratoga Bridges – Table for 10** - Value $1,450
  
  *Winning Bid:* $2,400 by Wayne Samascott
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- 10 course tasting menu with wine pairings for 10 with Chef Brian Bowden:  
  Donated by Chef Brian Bowden – Value $2,500

  Winning Bid: $5,200 by David Trojanoski

- Box for 5 at Saratoga Race Course:  
  Donated by Lisa & Joe Torani – Value $1,500

  Winning Bid: $1,900 by David Delany

- A parking space in The Saratogian lot for 1 year:  
  Donated by The Saratogian, The Record & The Community News – Value $1,080

  Winning Bid: $1,200 by Joseph Torani

- Behind the Scenes tour at WNYT News Channel 13 – Anchor Phil Bayly, who is a long-time friend and supporter, helped auction this package off and added breakfast with him to the package!:  
  Donated by WNYT News Channel 13 – Value Priceless

  Winning Bid: $1,750 by John Carney

The auction ended with Saratoga Bridges’ Creative Endeavors artists, Shannon, Erica, Adam & David showcasing their donated original torn cardboard collage, “Pink Burst.” The guests were most impressed with their talents, abilities and the importance of art in their lives. With an estimated value of $700, the winning bid was for $1,500 by Julie Bonacio.

More information on Creative Endeavors can be found at www.creativeendeavorsartists.com.

Saratoga Bridges also raised an additional $13,829 with their Silent Auction and Raffle. The Raffle included a Weekend in Lake Placid donated by Mirror Lake Inn, A Live Nation VIP Concert Package at SPAC donated by Live Nation Saratoga or a Spa Package donated by Mary Martin & Co. Day Spa.  The Grand Prize winner was Sara Mannix.

Saratoga Bridges is most grateful to their 2015 White Party Sponsors:

Presenting Sponsors: Ketel One Vodka, Vince & Patty Riggi and Michele & Ron Riggi


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As one of the largest non-profit organizations in the county, Saratoga Bridges has been providing programs for people with developmental disabilities and their families for more than 55 years. Throughout its’ history, family members, staff and volunteers have been committed to ensuring that the individuals they serve are able to realize their goals, hopes and dreams. They remain steadfast in their ability to offer the highest level of lifetime services to 830 people, by promoting their abilities, contributions and achievements in every aspect of community life. Saratoga Bridges’ philosophy is that every day is full of possibilities!