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Check It Out: 2005 Celebration for Education To Support School Libraries

The Milton Foundation for Education will host its seventh annual "Celebration for Education" on Saturday evening, November 19, 2005 in order to raise funds to update and support the libraries of the Milton Public Schools.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Milton School Libraries -Check It Out!" The event will be held at Lombardo's in Randolph.

The MFE's Celebration for Education is the highlight of the year for Milton residents who are committed to providing students in the public schools with an outstanding education. Generous donors and sponsors have helped the six annual Celebrations to raise more than \$700,000 to enhance science, music, art, technology, physical fitness and world languages programs in each Milton Public School, as well as support the ongoing work of the foundation.

This year's event will be co-chaired by MFE board members Helene W. Haddad and Stephen A. Morash. They will be supported by approximately 100 volunteers who will solicit donations and sponsors, mail invitations, donate auction items and decorate the ballroom at Lombardo's.

"Our goal is to bring the Milton Public School libraries into the 21st Century," said Haddad, who has a child at Pierce Middle School and another at Cunningham Elementary. "A library is no longer just a place to check out books - it is the hub of the school and the key to opening students' minds to reading, writing and critical thinking."

Proceeds from Celebration 2005 will fund the purchase of technology to automate the libraries, including formation of a shared network among

all the schools. The foundation also plans to fund updated print and media resources and equipment.

“Milton’s new state of the art school buildings provide exciting library spaces that need to be supported with tools to allow faculty and students to use each library to its fullest potential,” said Morash, whose daughter graduated from Milton High School. “This cannot be done without the proper resources, and for this we need your help.”

The Celebration includes a live auction, silent auction and raffle, as well as a sit down dinner. Each year the event attracts a sell-out crowd of over 800 people. Celebration is the largest, single-event fundraiser in the town of Milton. It provides a highly effective forum for showcasing a company and its products or services as well as demonstrating your strong support of, and commitment to, quality education in Milton.

For additional information about the 2005 Celebration for Education, sponsorship details or to volunteer, please see www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org.

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