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## TV Anchors Pitch In to Help Celebration for Education

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Award-winning television journalists and Milton parents Jonathan Hall and Karen Marinella will serve as masters of ceremonies on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the sixth annual Celebration for Education, which this year will benefit the World Languages programs of the Milton Public Schools.

Hall, a reporter and anchor at WHDH-TV/Ch. 7, and Marinella, co-anchor of "The Ten O'Clock News" on WLVI-TV/Ch. 56, will be joined by auctioneer and Milton insurance executive Paul Traverse to benefit the Milton Foundation for Education's premier fundraiser, which will be held at Lombardo's in Randolph.

"Karen and I are thrilled to be participating in this important event, benefiting Milton's children," Hall said. "We all know our kids are out future...so keeping them well educated is a terrific investment for all of us."

The couple, who attended last year's Celebration for Education, has three children who attend Milton schools.

"Karen and I love living in Milton, and we'd like to see continued improvement in the schools each year. It's important for all of us to chip in and help," said Hall. "Private fundraisers are a great way to bridge the gap, and build strong futures through better schools. That takes money, and that's one reason I wanted to be a part of this event." Proceeds from the evening, which includes raffles, silent and live auctions and dinner, will support foreign language programs in all six town schools and the ongoing work of the Foundation, which awards grants to teachers and presents the annual Teacher of the Year Awards each spring.

Organizers of this year's Celebration have already compiled an impressive collection of items for the silent and live auctions.

Exotic vacations, health club memberships, crafts, professional services, sports tickets and memorabilia top the list of items, as well as museum passes,

tutoring services and the chance to serve as a school Principal for a Day.

“People have been tremendously generous with their vacation homes, Patriots tickets, wine collections and their own professional skills,” said Fran Launie, a Foundation board member and co-chair of the sixth annual Celebration, working this year under the theme “For the Love of Language” to support the town’s World Languages Department.

For the second year in a row, the evening’s grand prize raffle will be for a one-week stay for four in the home of Denis and Mary Keohane in Kinsale, County Cork, two rounds of golf at the Old Head Golf Links and airfare. Tickets are priced at \$20 each or six for \$100. For tickets, contact Brian Kelley at 617-698-6249.

Travelers will have a lot to choose from. There is a vacation home for one week in Malaga on Spain’s Costa del Sol, donated by Marta Rodriguez-Gamboa and Sean Campbell; two one-week stays in Hilton Head, North Carolina, and a week at the Von Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vt., donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hess; a four-day weekend on Nantucket donated by Geoff Smith and Sarah Snyder; and a four-day weekend at a beach house in Brewster, donated by Carol and Steve Rosner.

There are also a three-day, four-night Chatham getaway donated by Paul and Jennifer Hughes; a weekend getaway on Newfound Lake in New Hampshire, donated by Denise and Tom Kretz; a two-night stay on Martaha’s Vineyard donated by David and Angela Van Allen; and a weekend stay and tour of Washington D.C. from U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch.

People who are looking to hit the gym have plenty of items to choose from, including a three-month membership to Team Super Fitness; a one-year Fitness Unlimited Membership; a three-month individual membership at the Weymouth Club; and a one-year membership at Personalized Fitness.

There are passes and tickets to the Museum of Fine Arts, Zoo New England, Old Sturbridge Village, the John F. Kennedy Museum and Library, the Comedy Connection, Plimoth Plantation, the DeCordova Museum, the Radio City Christmas Show at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts, the New England Conservatory of Music’s production of “A Turn of the Screw” and an evening of live music donated by Murphy’s Kitchen Band.

Golfers always find something to like at the Celebration and this year there are rounds of golf at the Hoosic Club and the Harmon Club in Rockland, as well as memorabilia signed by Vijay Singh, Gary Player and Arnold Palmer.

Sports fans will find tickets to the Patriots, Red Sox, Celtics and Boston College. Once again, Chris Carr of Boston Butler has donated a Patriots tailgate party.

The skills and talents of Milton students and teachers will also help raise funds for school programs. The Art Club at Milton High School will make their traditional gift of distinctively decorated birdfeeders. Other crafts include decorated trees, wreathes, scarves and dresses.

“There are items to fit a wide range of interests,” said Mary McLaughlin, a Foundation board member and co-chair of the Celebration. “It has been amazing to see people donate condominiums and frequent flier miles, but also arts and crafts, their talents as teachers or lawyers or decorators. This kind of generosity and ability is amazing to see.”

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