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### **2009 Celebration for Education Will Fund Enrichment Initiatives**

Enrichment activities are often one of the first casualties during tough economic times, according to Mary McLaughlin, president of the Milton Foundation for Education. That is why the MFE has decided to use the proceeds of this year's Celebration for Education to fund enrichment initiatives and programs in all six of Milton's public schools. "Up and Away: Beyond the Basics" is the theme of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration for Education to be held on Saturday, November 21, at Lombardo's in Randolph.

Barbara Wright is the chair of the Humanities Department at Milton High School. She hopes to use a CFE grant to purchase video cameras, software and laptops so that all of the students at the high school will have access to this technology. "My goal is to take the classroom experience up to the next level," said Wright. "Some students use equipment from home when they want to create a video, but most students don't own this kind of technical video equipment. By creating a video/media lab, all students would be able to create and produce oral histories, short documentaries, and videos for any class."

According to McLaughlin, this is exactly the kind of initiative the MFE hopes to fund. "We want to challenge students and expand the learning opportunities," said McLaughlin. Other proposals include having an artist in residence, offering Master Classes for band, string and chorus groups, and sponsoring writing workshops hosted by published authors.

Celebration for Education is the town's biggest annual fundraiser for the public schools. The popular Casino Night format which was introduced last year will be back, with guests having an opportunity to try their hand at games like Texas Hold 'Em, Black Jack, Roulette and Bingo. Players will gamble for a chance to win great prizes like a week in St. Croix. In addition to the popular Silent and Live Auctions, great food, music, dancing and raffles, there will also be a stand up comedian performing this year.

Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased on the website at [www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org](http://www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org). For more information on sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please email [miltoncfe2009@gmail.com](mailto:miltoncfe2009@gmail.com). ###