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Madeira Schools Foundation Holds Annual Auction

The Madeira Schools Foundation (MSF) was created in 1984 when a group of enthusiastic parent and community member volunteers gathered to make Madeira High School's dream of an outdoor track a reality. After the success of the outdoor track project, the group recognized the need to continue to assist the district and continued to raise funds to upholster MHS's Medert Auditorium chairs, purchase playground equipment, and install a portable sound system for district wide use.

By August of that year MSF was approved as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation designed to provide supplemental funding to Madeira City Schools for extras not covered in school funding.

Several years later the MSF trustees held an event, "The Grand Finale," featuring dinner, a live band, and raffles. Thus, the Madeira Schools Foundation Auction was born, and has been held every year since – turning into the organization's primary source for fundraising. Today the MSF has raised over \$2 million thanks to the annual auction and other events including a golf classic and Bourbon & BBQ fundraiser. Proceeds have been used to fund scholarships, purchase computer hardware and software, update athletic facilities, sponsor the MHS Day of Service, support the theatre arts program, and provide many extras for Madeira students.

This year's auction "Lights. Camera. Auction!" will be held Saturday, March 9 at St. Gertrude's Parish Center. New for the 2024 event is a mocktail bar, Mustang Market raffle, a champagne cocktail popcorn bar, and the chance to win a Blackstone outdoor grill package.

Proceeds will raise funds for innovation in technology, on-line learning, and keeping Madeira students at the forefront of education in an ever-changing digital world. This year's event is sold out but for more information about the organization see madeiraschoolsfoundation.org or contact Mindi Hilgeman at (513) 924-3725 or mhilgeman.msfc@gmail.com



John DiMauro at the 2023 auction