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Dinner and auction to help Gladstone schools

The Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] plans the Growing Great People Dinner & Auction to raise funds for education and youth programs across Gladstone.

“Gladstone is known for supporting youth and education,” said GEF President Terry Marsh. “We hope our community will turn out in force to have some fun and show kids how much we care!”

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the World of Speed Motorsports Museum, 27490 SW 95th Avenue in Wilsonville. Two Girls Catering and Barbecue will cater dinner. The cost is \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of 8. Table sponsorship is \$700.

To donate auction items or purchase tickets, contact Executive Director Tammy Tracy at tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us. Thanks to generous community support, last year GEF awarded \$30,000 in grants to Gladstone schools and youth programs.

PHOTO: GEF board member Bill Kemnitzer sells mardi gras beads at the October 2017 Gladstone Education Foundation dinner and auction. The semi-annual event is a fundraiser for school and youth programs in Gladstone.

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Gladstone wins grant for kindergarten readiness

Thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the John & Ginger Niemeyer Foundation in Gladstone, the Gladstone Center for Children and Families can continue the Little Leopards Camp. The kindergarten readiness program serves children who did not attend preschool and students who need extra preparation before the start of their kindergarten year.

The program provides the opportunity for children to connect with teachers and classmates, learn school routines and expectations, and build some basic skills to start their education successfully.

The summer program also helps parents learn ways to support their children’s education.

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