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Union County Foundation Gala Raises Awareness and Dollars to Support Local Impact

The Union County Foundation (UCF) recently hosted its annual Community Gala, bringing together over 200 supporters, donors, and community leaders to celebrate the individuals and organizations that help Union County thrive.

Guests enjoyed a festive atmosphere, including a live and silent auction with unique items and experiences donated by generous supporters. The event raised money to support the Foundation's mission of enhancing the quality of life in Union County. Proceeds from the event will support UCF's operations and Quarterly Grant Program, helping UCF give back to the community all year long.

Every year, UCF recognizes an outstanding community member at the Gala as the Foundation Honoree. Since UCF helps foster and facilitate philanthropy by being the "pathway to helping others," UCF named this honor the "Pathmaker Award" to celebrate those who help build that path. This year's Pathmaker and honoree was Roger Nicol, who was recognized for his outstanding contributions to UCF and the broader community. His leadership and dedication were celebrated in a heartfelt tribute recognizing his impact and commitment to Union County.

The evening also featured keynote remarks from P. David Allen, a Union County native, author, and environmental advocate, who shared reflections on community stewardship and his nationally recognized work chronicling the Fox River cleanup in Wisconsin.

UCF extends its sincere thanks to all attendees, sponsors, volunteers, and donors who made the evening a success. Special thanks to our Title Sponsor, amaEyes; Gold Sponsors, Honda Marysville & Impact60, McCarthy & Cox, and Richwood Bank; and Silver Sponsors, Honda and the Law Offices of Schulze, Cox & Will, along with many others whose support fuels our mission.

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About Union County Foundation

The Union County Foundation (UCF) is a 501(c)(3) organization that connects charitable individuals, associations, and businesses with causes, people, and non-profits within Union County. Our work as a grant maker, community resource, and philanthropic partner uniquely positions UCF as a bridge for creative problem-solving throughout Union County. UCF has been proudly serving Union County since 1993, and has distributed over \$10,343,090 to local charitable causes over the past 10 years.

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