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### **AEF's Sip, Sip, Hooray! Raises Nearly \$23,000**

[Arlington, Wash.] The Arlington Education Foundation raised nearly \$23,000 at its annual wine and beer tasting event, Sip, Sip Hooray! The fundraiser was held on Thursday, September 29.

"The event was a complete success with the largest attendance to date! We raised money to support students and education, and everyone had a good time," said Kim Deisher-Allen, president of AEF. "We are so grateful to every one who came out to the event, as well as those that supported the fundraiser."

All proceeds of the event will go to mini-grants in Arlington Public School classrooms and to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Since 2011, AEF has granted over \$110,000 to classroom teachers in Arlington Public Schools. These grants fund innovative, imaginative and exciting work in classrooms. Teachers are able to purchase materials or fund experiences for their classrooms that are outside the regular school district classroom budget. The Fall 2022 funding cycle is currently open; applications are due Friday, October 21 at 4:00 p.m. More information is available at [www.arlingtonedfoundation.org](http://www.arlingtonedfoundation.org).

In 2016, AEF partnered with Rotary Club of Arlington to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Arlington and Darrington. Each month, registered children under 5 years old who live in Arlington or Darrington receive a brand new, free book in the mail. Parents can register their children at birth and receive a home library of 60 books by the time the child turns 5. The book gifting program promotes reading at home from an early age.

The success of the fundraiser was largely due to the generosity of its sponsors. Dwayne Lane's Chevrolet in Arlington donated the use of its beautiful showroom. Renowned artist, Kurt McVay, gifted a complete glass art tableware set that was available for a limited raffle. Additional event sponsors were State Farm - Jim Minifie, McCarthy General Contractor, Banner Bank, Margaret Larson, Dr. Jeff and Cindy Huleatt, Dennis and Linda Byrnes, Ryan and A.J. Chippendale, and Eastlake Auto Broker. Many local businesses and residents donated items for the silent auction, as well.

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Arlington Education foundation, founded in 2002, raises and disperses funds for the enhancement of programs and projects within Arlington public schools. AEF projects funded to date: Linda M Byrnes Performing Arts Center; Elementary Choral Library; AHS Video Production Live/Remote Broadcasting; Technology Teacher Stations at Post Middle School, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and mini-grants for teachers and classrooms. For more information on projects and grant funding, please visit the AEF website at [arlingtonedfoundation.org](http://arlingtonedfoundation.org). AEF is a 501c3 organization.