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Volunteerism Stressed at Wine & Dine Event:

The importance of volunteerism was highlighted at a “Wine & Dine Soiree” inside the Riverwalk Center in Jamestown Thursday. Some 80 invited guests joined staff members from the United Way and Chautauqua Physical and Occupational Therapy, to encourage the under-40 crowd to get involved in community service.

“This under-40 crowd is what we like to call our ‘Emerging Leaders.’ And they need to understand how important they are in bettering this community through volunteerism,” said Tory Irgang, Executive Director of the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.

The evening also included a 50/50 drawing, which was then matched by Chautauqua Physical and Occupational Therapy’s owner, Patrick Green.

“This month we’re celebrating 15 years in Jamestown. And to mark the occasion, we wanted to give back to a community that has given us so much. We couldn’t think of a more fitting way to do that, than to give to an organization that has all of our best interests in mind – the United Way,” said Green.

The 2011 United Way Campaign is underway, with over \$430,000 donated so far. This year’s goal is \$1.3 million.

“We want to thank Chautauqua Physical and Occupational Therapy for stepping up to the plate, and helping us reach our goal,” added Ms. Irgang. “Not only have they helped us financially, but equally important, they’ve helped us reach out to some potential volunteers.”

Located inside the Riverwalk Center, Chautauqua Physical and Occupational Therapy aims to decrease pain and increase awareness on techniques to stay healthy throughout one’s life. You can find them online at www.chautauquapt.com.

Meanwhile, the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County supports 44 programs and 17 partner agencies in the area. For more information on the 2011 Campaign, you can go online to www.uwayscc.org, or check out their Facebook page: United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.

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