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## Herkimer ARC Premier Wine Auction Achieves Record and Raises Over \$312,000

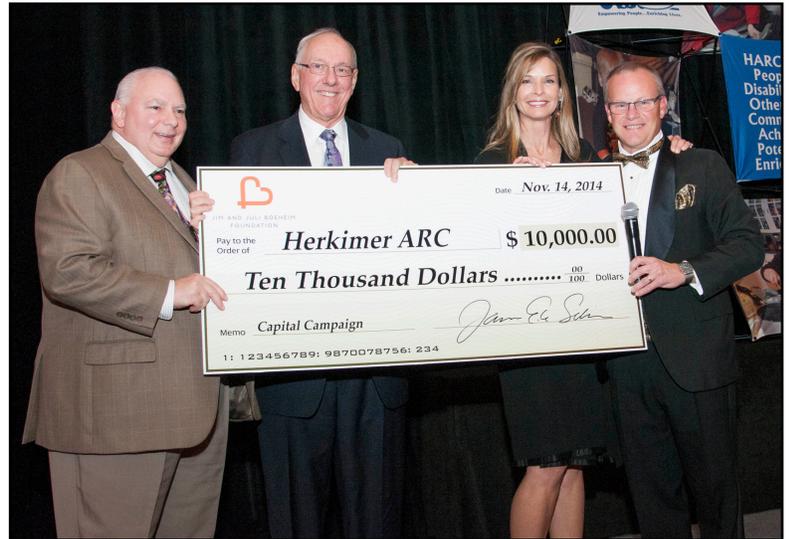
11/05/2015 - Herkimer, NY. All the tallies are in and the 20th Anniversary New York International Wine Auction (NYIWA), one of the northeast's premier wine events, wraps up by setting yet another record in 2015 by reaching the highest auction gross of over \$312,000 at the October event.

Proceeds from NYIWA help the Herkimer ARC to support people with disabilities and others living in Central New York to achieve full potential and to live enriched lives.

Herkimer ARC President/CEO Kevin Crosley commented, "The generosity of our local community is just amazing. For the 12th year in a row, we've broken our record of raising more funds over the previous year. We owe a debt of gratitude to our sponsors, donors, our staff and volunteers, among many others. One of the highlights this year was Syracuse University Men's Basketball Coach Jim Boeheim and his wife, Juli attending the auction to present a \$10,000 check from the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation. The grant will be utilized to refurbish the basketball court for the recreation park that the Herkimer ARC is building in 2016. The park will be the first of its kind in the region allowing for children and adults of all abilities to participate in recreational activities."

Sponsors for 2015 included: Event Sponsor: WUTR - Eyewitness News. Tasting Sponsor: Scalzo, Zogby & Wittig, Inc. Toasting Sponsor: The Bonadio Group. Anniversary Dinner Wine Sponsors: Robert O. Morris and John and Jackie Romano. Chateau Sponsor: Neckermann Consulting. Auction Paddle Sponsor: Romanelli Communications.

Dinner wines and water sponsors also included Ilion Wine & Spirits, Drew and Donna Goodbread, and Johannes and Ljiljana Neckerman.



*A highlight of the NYIWA Live Auction was the presentation of a check by Jim and Juli Boeheim of the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation for the Herkimer ARC's Capital Campaign to build a recreational park for use by people of all abilities. Those on hand to accept the check include, from left, HARC Community Park Campaign Co-chairperson Chip Hummel, Jim Boeheim, Juli Boeheim, and Herkimer ARC President/CEO Kevin Crosley.*

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## 2014 NYIWA/2-2-2

NYIWA's 2016 Celebration is slated for Saturday, November 5, at the Turning Stone Resort • Casino in Verona, NY. NYIWA staff is already working in concert with the Turning Stone to plan a weekend of events: from a VIP sponsor reception to overnight accommodations to international wine tastings—culminating in spectacular silent and live auctions and a five-course gourmet dinner on Saturday evening. The California Solicitation team is headed to California early in 2016 and to the Finger Lakes in April to bring back outstanding wine donations.

For more information about becoming involved with NYIWA 2016 as a sponsor, wine or fine lifestyle items donor, guest or volunteer, contact Auction Director Tony Vennera at (315) 574-7355 or [tvennera@nyiwa.com](mailto:tvennera@nyiwa.com). For updates regarding the 2016 event, visit [www.nyiwa.com](http://www.nyiwa.com). For more information regarding the Herkimer ARC, visit [www.herkimerarc.org](http://www.herkimerarc.org).

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