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Fairfield Museum and History Center Inaugural Fundraiser Is A Great Success

FAIRFIELD (May 21) May 18, 2007 marked the inaugural event at Fairfield's newest cultural landmark, the Fairfield Museum and History Center. More than 400 of the area's residents and community leaders came out for a fun-filled evening of dinner and dancing to celebrate the completion of the new 13,000 square foot museum located behind Town Hall. Party goers accessed a firsthand preview of the museum and were energized by all the potential it offers the community.

The event provided an opportunity to wander through the museum spaces and marvel at its exquisite construction. Outside, attendees took note of the museum's proximity to important historical properties, and its creation of a new cultural campus. Once inside, visitors were treated to a modern library, four exhibition galleries, an education classroom and community meeting areas with post and beam construction.

"This museum will be a great resource for the people of this area, and the overwhelming response to this event demonstrates that the community embraces the opportunity to enrich their lives through culture and education," said Michael Jehle, the museum's Executive Director. In all, less than \$750,000 remains from an original goal of \$5.5 million to build the new museum.

In addition to offering attendees a sneak peak of the museum, the evening raised funds for the Fairfield Historical Society's capital campaign to complete the museum project. "This museum is a principal initiative of the Fairfield Historical Society. It signifies the organization's commitment to serving the community and its desire to meet the needs of students of all ages and backgrounds," said Jehle.

The event's title sponsor was People's Wealth Management and Trust. Additional sponsors included Centerbrook Architects, Tallman Building Company, William B. Meyer Inc., Connecticut Cottages & Gardens, Alliance Heating and Air Conditioning, Billy's Bakery, Brake Fire Protection Inc., Forger Kunkel Plumbing, Mo's Wine & Spirits, Southport Brewing Company, Yankee Electric and AlphaGraphics of Danbury..

The museum and its staff will spend its summer readying itself for the museum's grand opening, set for September 16. On that date, the community will be invited to a day of family fun, complete with a parade, a ribbon cutting ceremony, a re-enactor mock battle, and period arts and crafts demonstrations. The museum will be free to all who come explore its modern galleries filled with treasures dating back to the 1600s, relax in the reading room, visit the educational classroom, and browse its new museum shop. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Pictures to accompany this press release:

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05-18-2007Gala095.jpg	Fairfield Historical Society members: Carol and Dwight Wheeler and Jill Kelly.
05-18-2007Gala064.jpg	First Selectman Ken Flatto and Fairfield Historical Society member Joan Neiley pin flowers on a giving tree.
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