

Wine crawl raises record amount for cancer

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The wine was flowing for a good cause during the Wyandotte Business Association's fourth annual Wine Crawl.

The yearly event brings art, wine, food and music together to benefit the Josephine Ford Cancer Center Downriver, and this year's taste fest was particularly successful.

The WBA raised \$11,805 at the Aug. 15 fund-raiser — 40 percent more than last year's total — and presented a check to the organization at its Oct. 1 quarterly meeting.

The proceeds will be used to help those who have special needs during treatments and cannot afford them.

About 1,000 participants strolled around the city sipping Michigan wines offered by 25 businesses in

glasses designed by artist Nancy Pitel.

The wineglasses featured a woman with a pink ribbon, in keeping with the event's cause.

Half of the glasses were sold before the event in seven pre-sale locations.

According to Patt Slack, owner of River's Edge Gallery, the remaining 500 glasses were sold within two hours the night of the event.

About 50 cases, or 600 bottles, of wine were imbibed during the three-hour event.

Artwork by local painters was scattered around businesses throughout the city.

Adding to the generosity were members of Art Ambience, who donated proceeds from art sold at Charter One Bank and made contributions totaling \$250.



Photo by E.L. Conley
Jill Nesterman (left) of the Josephine Ford Cancer Center Downriver accepts a check for \$11,805 from Vicki Lucas of the Wyandotte Business Association. The WBA's annual Wine Crawl raised a record amount this year to benefit the organization.