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**DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES EDUCATION FOUNDATION RAISES \$75,000  
FOR DCG STUDENTS AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Record-Setting Amount Raised During Annual RED Dinner & Auction Event*

**GRIMES, IOWA** (November 21, 2022) - More than 150 members of the Dallas Center and Grimes communities attended the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation's (DCGEF) 5th annual RED Dinner and Auction held on November 5 at Three Sisters Barn in Dallas Center. The RED event, which is an abbreviation for "Raising Education Dollars", raised more than \$75,000, a record-setting amount for their scholarship programs.

During the RED Dinner and Auction, attendees were treated to a delicious meal, live auction, silent auction, program, and entertainment. In-person attendees could bid on live auction items, while the silent auction was held online for the third year, and open to any community members without a ticket who wanted to participate.

"We are extremely grateful to our local community for their support of DCG students," said Mike Wemhoff, DCGEF board president. "From donors and sponsors to attendees and our fantastic volunteers, DCGEF is making a difference for DCG students in their pursuit of higher education."

DCGEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, volunteer-run, and operated separately from the Dallas Center-Grimes school district. Its mission is to support DCG students in their pursuit of higher education through financial scholarships generated in partnership with community philanthropic and fundraising initiatives.

During the program, former DCG student Tyler Willey presented his college experiences at Buena Vista University, a school he says he wouldn't have been able to attend without the financial support of the DCGEF scholarship.

"I was considering attending a local state college following high school," said Tyler. "But the RED scholarship I received from DCGEF changed everything for me. With the additional funds, I was able to go to a private school a little further from home and have had an amazing educational experience. I am so grateful to the DCG community for their support."

Last year, DCGEF awarded 120 scholarships totaling \$151,000 to the DCG class of 2022. These scholarships were a combination of DCGEF-fundraised and investment dollars and locally sponsored scholarships. Scholarships are awarded each May to the DCG graduating class.

Visit [www.dcgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org) to view a list of RED event sponsors.

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### **About Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation**

Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF), a 501(c)3 non-profit, works with local organizations, businesses, and community members to fundraise for and manage scholarship programs for students in the DCG school district planning to attend a trade school, college or university following high school. Since 2014, DCGEF has awarded more than \$629,000 in scholarships to DCG students and alumni. Learn more about DCGEF at [www.dcgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org).