

Bluesgoers dance the night away

Event raises money for Quincy hospital foundation

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Red, Wine and Blues II was bigger this year, raising more money for the Quincy Valley Hospital Foundation.

"This is a wonderful turnout. It is a wonderful venue and a wonderful night," said hospital administrator Mehdi Merred.

Last year, the event had around 120 attendees. This year, it was closer to 170. Foundation director Michele Wurl said the event raised over \$5,500, doubling the proceeds from last year.

"We really appreciate all your support," said foundation president Verna Teeter.

Wurl said that other than covering the meal, every dollar of the ticket price went directly to the foundation, thanks to the support of their sponsors. The venue was provided by Kent and Kim Bacon's company, Parties on the Green. The Grape Quincy Wine Cellar paid for the band, *Becki Sue and Her Big Rockin' Daddies*, and DPR Fortis paid for



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Dancers groove to the tunes of "Becki Sue and Her Big Rockin' Daddies."

their lodging. Live Nation provided the tables and chairs, Quincy Realty provided the bathrooms, Aramark provided the ice, and Snapco made a donation. Armedia Knutson donated her bartending services and local wineries donated bottles of wine for the tables.

During dinner, the crowd praised the salmon and prime rib entrees. Rounding out the menu, catered by Michael's on the Lake, was salad, fresh fruit, roasted vegetables, rolls and cheesecake for dessert.

"Don't forget to grab some cheesecake for the band, Becki Sue," joked one of the band members as they began their set.

Becki Sue grabbed some cheesecake and then joined the band and started singing the

blues. The band definitely had some big fans in the audience. Becki Sue serenaded one lucky fan during a song. Attendees danced as the sun set.

"It's lots of fun. Great music, great food and wine and great people," said attendee Justin Ashley.

"What a great turnout and what a beautiful setting," said Larry Aliment, a past president of the foundation. He noted that just under 50 percent of the attendees were from Crescent Bar, which demonstrates how Crescent Bar's residents support the local community.

Wurl said the event was a success and looks forward to next year's Red, Wine and Blues.

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