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Rush Rally Raises More Than \$20,000 for Rush City Students

Rush City, Minn. — The Rush City Education Foundation (RCEF) celebrated a successful evening of community, comedy, and generosity at its Rush Rally fundraiser held February 6 in the Spare Room at Chucker’s Bowl. The event drew approximately 130 attendees and raised more than \$20,000 to support RCEF’s educational enrichment grants and senior scholarships.

The Rush Rally showcased the strong spirit of Rush City, bringing together alumni, local businesses, and community members in support of students and educators. Minnesota comedian Chad Filley headlined the evening, delivering a lively performance that kept the crowd entertained.

Several Rush City alumni played key roles in the event’s success. Priscilla Nelson Mitchell added comedic fun to the evening, Dalton Ramberg served as master of ceremonies, and Katie Groh generously donated her professional photography services to capture the event.

RCEF extends sincere appreciation to the many corporate sponsors whose support made the Rush Rally possible. Donors included, in alphabetical order: Anderson & Koch Ford, Carlson Plumbing and Heating, East Central Auto Sales, Funeral & Cremation Services – Olson and Swanson Chapels, Perreault Chiropractic, Plastech Corporation, Prefer Paving & Ready-Mix, and Rush City Car Wash.

“The Rush Rally was a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together for education,” said Vern Koepp, President of the Rush City Education Foundation. “The generosity shown will directly support innovative classroom projects and help graduating seniors pursue their next steps.”

Raise Your Flag – Fund a Dream

A powerful highlight of the evening was the Raise Your Flag – Fund a Dream initiative, which raised more than \$13,000 for the purchase of a Fusion Edge 12 Laser Engraver and Cutter for Rush City Public Schools.

This state-of-the-art equipment will impact a wide range of courses and programs, including Engineering, STEM, Fabrication, Graphic Arts, Product Design, Business & Entrepreneurship, and Makerspace learning.

The Fusion Edge 12 will help students build the very skills Minnesota employers are seeking: problem solving, design thinking, digital manufacturing, precision production, and technical creativity.

Special recognition goes to Anderson & Koch Ford as the top Fund a Dream donor, contributing \$3,500 toward the laser engraver purchase. Five additional leadership-level gifts of \$1,000 were

received from the Rush City Lions; Maytag Laundry, Kevin and Jill Boljack; Wayne and Elizabeth Herberg and one anonymous gift.

These generous contributions ensure that students are gaining hands-on, career-ready experience with advanced manufacturing technology today.

About the Rush City Education Foundation

The Rush City Education Foundation partners with the Rush City Public Schools community to ignite curiosity, creativity, and a passion for learning. Since 2013, RCEF has awarded nearly \$170,000 to support students, teachers, and staff through educational grants and scholarships. RCEF is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching educational opportunities and strengthening student success across the Rush City community.

For more information about the Rush City Education Foundation or ways to support its mission, visit the foundation's website at www.rushcityeducationfoundation.org or follow RCEF on social media.

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