

Garden Party donates to Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan

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The Garden Party Foundation celebrated its third annual The Garden Party event at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, featuring food from Michigan's best restaurants and 100 of the finest wines. More than 600 people attended this year's Garden Party.

Proceeds from the event benefited Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan and Oakland Community College Culinary Studies Institute, with \$35,000 to be donated to each organization from The Garden Party Foundation.

Elizabeth and Sydney L. Ross, founders of The Garden Party Foundation and owners of Great Lakes Wine and Spirits, presented the checks at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 12 to William Seklar, president of Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, Dr. Timothy Meyer, Oakland Community College Chancellor, and Chef Susan Baier, Program Coordinator of Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute. The presentation took place at Meadow Brook Hall – the new site for the 2012 The Garden Party.

Next year's Garden Party will take place on June 10, 2012.

"We are thrilled that the next generation of Detroit philanthropists supported Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan and OCC Culinary Studies by attending the event," said Ross. "We are already looking forward to next year and are excited to hold The Garden Party on the beautiful grounds of Meadow Brook Hall."

Several event sponsors helped make the event a success including Atlas Oil, Bodman PLC, Celani Family

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Headquartered in Troy, Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is a statewide agency helping Michigan families cope with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders by providing information, financial assistance and emotional support.

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute provides students with hands-on experiences in one of the largest facilities of its type, with quality instruction by award-winning faculty.

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