Wine Tasting Nets $88K for Wooden Floor

By Lynn Selich | Society Editor

The Wooden Floor, previously known as St. Joseph Ballet, brought back for the fourth consecutive year its popular wine-tasting benefit, featuring 12 exquisite and hard-to-find wines. More than 200 guests attended the event, entitled “Keep the Promise,” netting more than $88,500 in support of The Wooden Floor’s award-winning youth and family programs, a nearly 20 percent increase from last year’s event.

Student speaker Meyby Nicolas told the audience, “I don’t have to go through the difficulties my parents had. Here you get to create a new future - one that has never been seen before.”

The Wooden Floor after-school organization provides the youth it serves with the space, structure and support to make positive choices, live fuller lives, and break the cycle of poverty through integrated dance, academic, and family service programs.

Since 2005, 100 percent of graduates from The Wooden Floor have completed high school on time and enrolled in college, as compared to about 35 percent of their socio-economic peers.

For more information log on to www.thewoodenfloor.org.

John Markley, student Meyby Nicolas, Executive and Artistic Director Melanie Rios Glaser.

Edna Cole and Sponsor Janice Markley, with Matt and Karen Mikkelsen.

Douglas Neff, Denise and John Duncan, with Board Member Jan Foster.

Guest sipped a selection of wines and listened to live music.