

news release

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Growing the Legacy Gala a golden evening for Lambs Farm

Libertyville, IL - Lambs Farm's 50th Anniversary *Growing the Legacy* Gala was golden, and featured raffles, auctions, special honors and more. Master of Ceremony Rick Kogan, Chicago newspaperman, radio personality and noted author, welcomed the more than 500 supporters, family members and friends who attended the event to celebrate a half century of service to those with developmental disabilities.

During the evening, Lambs Farm President and CEO Dianne Yaconetti honored those who have been instrumental in the founding and growth of Lambs Farm. Co-founders Bob Terese and Corinne Owen received the Legacy Awards for opening the door to a world of possibilities and changing life for people with developmental disabilities forever. W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone, and Mrs. Joan Golder received the Spirit of Growth Award for their exceptional dedication to Lambs Farm's mission. Ms. Yaconetti also presented Living Legacy awards to eight Participants who worked in the original pet shop on State Street and remain in Lambs Farm's program today.

Guests were able to enter raffles and bid on trips, sports memorabilia and other exciting items in the live and silent auctions. There was also an opportunity to financially support Lambs Farm's recreational program, a program not funded by the State of Illinois but which directly impacts the full-life experience of the Participants.

The *Growing the Legacy* Gala raised nearly \$600,000 for Lambs Farm's programs and services.

For more information on Lambs Farm, please call 847.362.4636 or visit the website at www.lambsfarm.org.

Lambs Farm is a premier nonprofit organization whose mission is helping people with developmental disabilities lead productive, happy lives and connecting with the human spirit in us all. Based near Libertyville, Illinois, Lambs Farm strives to maintain exemplary vocational, residential and recreational programs, and to operate our organization in a manner that will continue to help people grow.

NOTE: Interviews/photos with staff and Participants will be arranged upon request.