



## GPFPE Celebrates Annual Spring Gala to Launch New Campaign

Supporters of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools came together on Saturday May 6, 2017, at the Grosse Pointe Club to celebrate the GPFPE's Annual Spring Gala. Guests enjoyed a lovely evening of cocktails and a strolling supper while also learning about the GPFPE's newest campaign to raise funds to roll out *The Leader in Me* program to elementary schools in our district. The program teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader.

The evening's theme, "Be the Beacon" was inspired by the "lighthouse" status a district achieves when all schools are fully operating within the program. This year's Gala drew a record number of corporate sponsors and a sell-out crowd of attendees. In addition to making pledges to support *The Leader in Me*, guests were able to support the GPFPE's fundraising goal through raffle ticket purchases and a wine pull.

Addressing the guests during a VIP reception that night were two students who talked about the impact *The Leader in Me* had on them, their families, and their school. Olivia Snead, a third-grader at Poupard Elementary, told the



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*"A good leader always sets a good example for others. I stand straight in line and always do what my teachers ask me to do. When other students in the school see me doing the right thing, I know I am helping them become a better leader."*

*– Olivia Snead, Poupard Elementary*

crowd how she used the habits in the classroom. Dominic Malouf, a fourth-grader at Ferry Elementary, explained to the guests how he uses the program's skills outside the classroom and with his family.

The VIP reception concluded with a video message from Sean Covey, senior vice president at FranklinCovey and co-author of *The Leader in Me: How Schools Around the World Are Inspiring Greatness, One Child at a Time*.

See pages 4-5 for more photos and details on the Annual Spring Gala. See pages 7-8 for more information and photos on *The Leader in Me*.

