



We asked you to join us.
YOU CAME.



We asked you to stand with us in supporting the most vulnerable in our community.

YOU WERE ON YOUR FEET.



We asked you to raise the paddle to help us change lives.

YOU RAISED YOUR PADDLES HIGH.



GALA ACTIVITIES



The beautiful ceramic centerpieces, lovingly created by a Ballard Hero and board member, were available by silent auction. 40 lucky guests were able to take home these highly covetable works of art at the end of the evening.



Guests had the chance to win a diamond from Gala Sponsor Marks Jewelers.

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City Wine Market, Campari, Mano's Wine and individual donors contributed wine and spirits for a lively Fling the Ring game.

GALA RESULTS

Over 340 guests convened June 7th at the Jayhawk Club to learn more about the services of the Ballard Center. They sang along with Ric Averill and the preschool children, applauded the success of a Ballard alum, cheered the victory of a current Ballard parent, and witnessed the gratitude of a Ballard grandmother. They were charmed by Hall of Fame Sportscaster Bob Davis, and inspired by the generous acts of kindness in our community. In turn, the guests heard the call to change lives and responded with generous donations totaling over \$110,000! **Thank You For Your Support of the Ballard Center!**



Photos (top): Becky Price, Ballard CEO shares Ballard successes; Gala guests Mary Winter, Cindy Maude and Kathleen Sebelius enjoy the Live Auction bidding.

GALA SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS



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SPECIAL THANKS to our Premier Sponsor *The Jayhawk Club* and their attending members, and the many individual supporters who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make *Changing Lives* a success!

Chef TK and Emily Peterson
Edgecomb Auctions | Evan Williams Catering
Farm Bureau Financial Services
The Mad Greek | Merchants Pub
Gary & Angie Rexroad | Kathleen Sebelius
Nancy & Scott Thellman | Teresa Treanor

Please go to Ballard's website at ballardcenter.org to view the beautiful Gala photos compliments of photographer **Rebecca Fox**.



More Gala Photos (from top): Emcee Bob Davis entertained guests on and off the stage; Ballard Grandmother Connie shared her journey with Gala guests; John Krehbiel keeps guests apprised of the evening's events; Mark Edgecomb rallies the Fund-A-Need bidding; Michelle and Stephen Chronister enjoy the Live Auction bidding; Sue Hack, Gary Rexroad, Al Hack and Xavier Kenney socialize before dinner.

BALLARD CELEBRATES SUCCESSES AT THE CHANGING LIVES GALA

Thank You for helping us Change Lives! The guests attending the June 7th Gala learned about the vital services the Ballard Center provides, gathered a better understanding of how our services make our community better and assisted us in forming vital partnerships.

Several speakers illuminated the significance of Ballard's impact:



Jacey shared the challenges of raising 3 children alone and how Ballard supported her in escaping domestic violence and keeping her kids safe, fed and warm.



Lea Roselyn, a Ballard graduate and current VP of Community Impact at United Way, recalled the trauma she experienced as a young girl. She remembers going to

Ballard and being hungry because there was no food at home and tired because the fighting had kept her awake all night. But at Ballard she received support and was safe. Because of the help that Lea received from Ballard, she beat the odds. Despite growing up in poverty and violence, Lea is now adding value to our community and giving back because of the services and supports she received. By supporting children from low income families, we are not only doing what is morally right, we are breaking generational cycles of poverty and abuse.

RECOGNITION AWARDS



The **Brad Finkeldei Hero of the Year** was awarded to Tim & Kalene Sanders with **Sanders Software** for their generous donation of services to support our website, phone system and internet connections.

The **Business of the Year** was awarded to Callahan for their holiday spirit and participation in Ballard's Adopt-A-Family Program, and the innovative way they honored their clients by donating 140 coats to keep children warm in lieu of holiday gifts.

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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT BALLARD



CERESSET Lawrence, provider of an advanced non-invasive neurotechnology process that enables the brain to relax and reset itself, is partnering with Ballard during PTSD Awareness Month in June and beyond. Mention the Ballard Center for a Free Introductory Session and to trigger a

\$50 donation from Cereset.

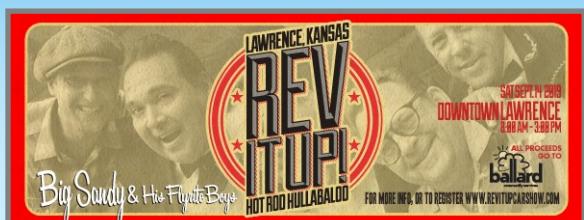
And a **big** thank you to Six Mile Chophouse for their continuous support and partnership. Your generosity makes our hearts sing!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND SAVE THE DATE

September 14 REV IT UP! HOT ROD HULLABALOO

Enjoy music by Big Sandy & His Flyrite Boys and The Culprits and a fantastic collection of vintage cars at South Park in Lawrence.



SAVE THE DATE
For the 2020
Changing Lives Gala
June 5, 2020

