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# The St. Charles City-County Library Foundation Announces the 2014 Imagine Gala & Auction

*Inaugural Fundraising Event to Take Place Saturday, May 17, 2014*

**(ST. PETERS, MO – April 2, 2014)** The St. Charles City-County Library Foundation is pleased to announce their first-ever Imagine Gala & Auction, taking place May 17, 2014 at the Ameristar Casino Resort & Spa.

This is the inaugural Gala event for the St. Charles County non-profit organization and will support the Library Foundation's mission to ensure excellent library programs, services, and facilities for all people by developing and encouraging community investment and participation, today and tomorrow.

"On May 17<sup>th</sup> we are excited to showcase all that the St. Charles City-County Library Foundation is doing to enrich lives, improve literacy and engage the community," notes Kristin Williams, Executive Director of the Library Foundation.

Library Foundation board member Sharon Lee adds, "Public support of the Imagine Gala & Auction will make a lasting impact for our children and our community."

The Gala & Auction includes cocktails and hors d'voures, a three course sit-down dinner, both a live and silent auction, entertainment from Joia, and many more surprises.

Co-Chairs for the event are Dale Rollings, owner of Yellow Farmhouse Vineyard & Winery; and Lorna Frahm, attorney at law and principle of The Frahm Law Firm, LLC. Professional singer, composer and radio personality Kathy Lawton Brown, of Radio Arts Foundation – St. Louis, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Imagine Gala & Auction tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,250 for a table of 10. Patron level tickets are also available for \$250 per person, with Patron Tables priced at \$2,500. Proceeds from the Imagine Gala & Auction will support the Library Foundation's focus on community outreach, early literacy and life-long learning.

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St. Charles County has experienced amazing growth, and with that growth comes increased demands on the St. Charles City-County Library District and the services and opportunities it provides for residents. The St. Charles City-County Library Foundation was established in 1999 to help support these increased needs.

According to Rebecca Cody, who serves as Library Foundation Board President, “It is essential we continue this work, for our children and for St. Charles County. As a Foundation, we look for fresh and innovative ways to support our youngest learners through early literacy initiatives.”

“Our outreach to fragile families and the homebound continues to grow, reaching more patrons than ever before,” adds Karen Guccione-Englert, Extension Services Specialist for the Library Foundation.

Sponsors of this inaugural fundraiser include: Ameristar, Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital & Progress West Hospital, Drury Hotels, BoardPaq, St. Charles Sunrise Rotary, Meyer Real Estate, The Liebel Family, Ameren Missouri, and SSM St. Joseph & Hospital West. Sponsorships are still available for individuals or companies interested in supporting the efforts of the Library Foundation.

An investment in the Library Foundation is an investment in the community and one that will benefit all generations.

For more information about sponsorships, or to reserve tickets to the upcoming Imagine Gala & Auction, contact Executive Director Kristin Williams at [kwilliams@stchlibrary.org](mailto:kwilliams@stchlibrary.org) or call 636-441-2300, extension 1582.

Additional details are available online at [www.stchlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.stchlibraryfoundation.org).

***About The St. Charles City-County Library Foundation***

Our mission is to ensure excellent library programs, services and facilities for all people by developing and encouraging community investment and participation, today and tomorrow.

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