



Good show: Guests at Steppingstone's seventh annual benefit auction enjoy the program at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. More than \$25,000 was raised for the school.

Celebrate: Enjoying the recent Steppingstone School benefit auction were (from left) Kiyu Morse, headmaster, Jody Soronen, honorary chair, and Elizabeth Scheatzle, board president for the Farmington Hills-based non-profit school for gifted children.

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Benefit auction raises more than \$25,000 for school

A one-week vacation at a home in Germany was the highest priced item bid on during Steppingstone School's seventh annual benefit auction, held Saturday, March 25 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

More than \$25,000 was raised for the non-profit school for gifted children on Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills.

The money will be used for improvement of the school grounds and for emergency financial aid for students.

Besides a week at an alumni parent's home near Cologne,

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Germany, other "one-of-a-kind" purchases during the auction included:

- a week at a current parent's cottage in northern Michigan;
- quilts and other crafts made with the help of students;

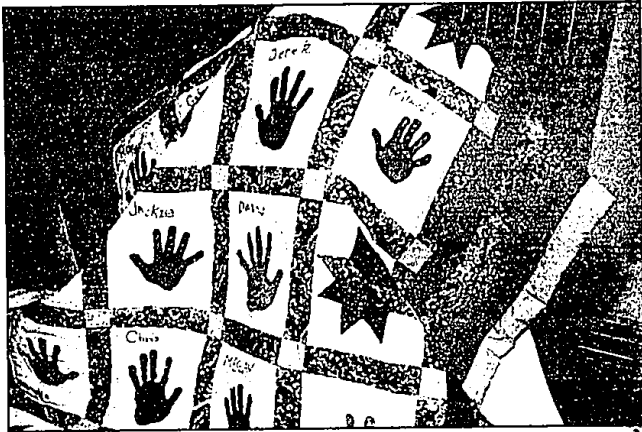
- an individually priced "Steppingstonopoly" game, where students get to buy rooms in the school building and get sent out of class when they don't finish homework.

There were silent and live portions of the auction.

Steppingstone has students from early kindergarten through eighth grade, with extended day options, after-school enrichment and individual instruction.

Meanwhile, next year's auction is already being planned. †

It will appropriately have the theme "2001: Space Odyssey."



Custom-made: Among auction items was this quilt, handmade by Catherine Barbee, grandmother of Steppingstone student Daniel Mehd. The handprints are from each child in the Beginning Elementary classroom of teacher Donna Coffin.

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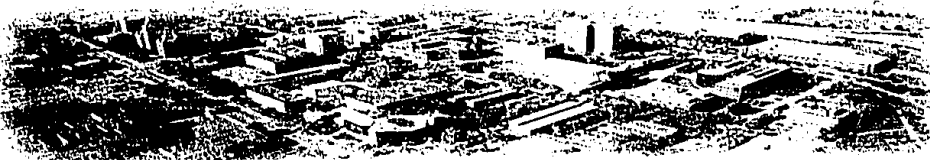
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