

# The Shepherd's Call

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## Lollapalooza 2008 — A Future Worth Bettin' On!

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"Bettin' on the Future" was the theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lollapalooza held April 25 in Good Shepherd's social hall. Nearly 300 guests entered on a lighted, red-carpet runway to check in before they proceeded to the Narthex where the room was filled with silent auction donations that created a shopper's paradise.

Upon entrance into the social hall, it became obvious the evening would be "something extraordinary of its kind." Beautiful floral centerpieces adorned with ribbon and giant dice decorated the tables to ac-



cent the theme, "Bettin' on the Future." While there was no real gambling at Lollapalooza, guests had plenty of opportunities to spend money and support Good Shepherd. Lollapalooza 2008 grossed an impressive \$175,000 due to the generosity of the guests.

Paulo and Bill Ristorante served an elegant, delicious dinner and treated guests to impeccable service. Fabulous desserts, made by the Good Shepherd Bakers, were served to each table.

The live auction was off and running about 8:15 with the help of our emcee and "Voice of Lolla," **Rick Frederick**. The auctioneers for the evening, once again, were the Nigro Brothers who are masters of their trade. With a quick wave of a hand, they sprang into action and the money started to flow, all for a good cause.

A special part of the live auction was the Fund-A-Need. This year we received

enough to complete the security system in the community center, the church and the school. We were also able to Fund-A-Dream and purchase two scoreboards with the Rams' logo and a wireless control set for the community center.

First-time attendees were entered into a drawing as a welcome gesture. **Scott Carrithers** received a \$25 gift card to Barley's Brewhaus. Each first-timer's name tag was marked with a colorful sticker so they would know how glad we were they came!

The children's projects were displayed beautifully and are always considered special and a large part of our success.

There were also three events attendees could sign up for that would allow them to continue the fun well after Lollapalooza ended. Guests could purchase one or all three: a Wine Tasting with **Father Francis**, a Ladies Blackjack Evening and a Pub Crawl. A few openings are still available; contact **Lisa Ramaekers** at 913-248-9237 for more information.

The Draw Down board gave guests

an opportunity to win \$1000. Each chance was \$25 and the more cards you bought, the better your odds of success! Congratulations to the lucky winners, **Rita** and **Mark Hyde**.

Everyone at Good Shepherd had the chance to buy raffle tickets and be a winner. It was not necessary to be present at Lollapalooza to win. This year the prizes and lucky individuals were: 1<sup>st</sup> place, a MacBook Air was awarded to **America Romo**; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, a World's of Fun/Ocean's of Fun Weekend Getaway will be enjoyed by Mike McComb; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a \$200 Visa Card, was given to **Bob**

**Werly** to use however he likes!

The Nigro Brothers, **Marty Gough**, **Rick Frederick**, and **Jim** and **Cathy Marks** received special acknowledgements this year for their integral part in the success of Lollapalooza for each of the last 10 years. All Lollapalooza chairs were also recognized for their contributions to the cumulative receipts generated by Lollapalooza. With this year's success, the following chairs have raised in excess of \$1,400,000!

1999	<b>Rob Gremminger</b>
	<b>Jayne and Mike Tomlin</b>
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2001	<b>Jeff and Jill Anderson</b>
	<b>Joe and Kathy Reid</b>
2002	<b>Don and Gwen Wilson</b>
2003	<b>Gwen Wilson and Janet Unrein</b>
2004	<b>Karen and Dennis Maginn</b>
2005	<b>Regent and Pamela Ducas</b>
2006	<b>Carol Koch and Margie Schaff</b>
2007	<b>Karen Burton and Cathy Lorino</b>
2008	<b>Janet Unrein and Marty Gough</b>



A heart-felt thank you to the Lollapalooza 2008 co-chairs **Janet Unrein** and **Marty Gough**. It takes a lot of time and energy to host such a spectacular event, and it could not have been accomplished without their guidance and leadership. We are also grateful for the assistance of each committee head and every volunteer and parish staff member who donated their time and talent to this fundraiser. Special kudos to the Lollapalooza 2008

guests, donors and sponsors who each give us a reason for "Bettin' on the Future."