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Press Release

The inaugural Denim & Diamonds event sponsored by the Newman Regional Health Foundation was held on Friday, June 18th, with approximately 270 people attending. Dancing to The Catz, silent auction, diamond necklace and earring drawing, and a wonderful hors d'oeuvre buffet were a part of the evening. Event sponsors provided the initial strength for the success of the event. Through the sponsorships, silent auction proceeds, donations of cash, reservations, and the drawing, net proceeds of \$28,000 were raised. The money raised will go toward the purchase of medical equipment; an ultrasound machine and motorized stretchers.

Fifty-one silent auction items were available for purchase with the highest bid. Several departments of the hospital donated themed gift baskets and many individuals and businesses throughout Emporia and the surrounding communities provided items for the silent auction.

The winner of the diamond necklace and earrings donated by Kari's Diamonds by Design was Dr. Tim Harris.

“Our first event was a success on many fronts. First of all, we raised funds that will be used to purchase equipment which will enhance the quality of healthcare at Newman

Regional Health. The event also placed the Newman Regional Health Foundation in the minds of the community as an organization established to benefit Newman Regional Health. It was exciting to see the community become involved with the life of the hospital through this benefit event. An event such as this would not be possible without the support of many volunteers who have devoted countless hours of time in planning and preparation, as well as – individuals, local foundations and businesses who through their generosity have helped to make this event a success,” stated Jodi Heermann, Executive Director, Newman Regional Health Foundation.

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Denim & Diamonds Planning Committee (from left to right): Sharon Stewart, Carolyn Driewer, Landace Wayman, Mary Kretsinger, Jodi Heermann, Beth Hammond, Jamie Reeve, Courtney Gagan, and Joan Geitz

Not pictured: Clarine Knapp, Janell North, and Paula Sauder