## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Mariemont Elementary PTO Rustles Up Successful Fundraiser



On September 27, more than 150 Mariemont Elementary PTO members dusted off their denim and donned their cowboy boots for a night of raising fun and funds for the organization's events and programs.

The generosity of presenting sponsor First Financial Bank enabled the PTO to hold the event at the newly restored Resthaven Barn, now headquarters of the Women's Art Club of Cincinnati.

Party guests browsed the Women's Art Club exhibits, and shopped an exciting and innovative silent auction. A fabulous "Spaghetti Western" buffet featured the uniquely delicious sauces of Bella Luna restaurant, pasta from Germano's Restaurant, and the crisp seasonal produce of Pipkin's. The evening concluded with a live pie auction featuring homemade pies donated by Mariemont Elementary teachers. Bidding was intense as guests tried to out-bid each other and go home with the cleverly packaged desserts.

The Mariemont Elementary PTO is an organization of parents and teachers dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities available to Mariemont Elementary students. PTO programs include an annual children's author visit, a Beech Acres speaker series for parents, and a character retreat for the fifth grade. For more information about the Mariemont Elementary PTO, call Chris at 271-1949.

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John Marrocco (Marketing President, First Financial Bank), Jane McDonald (President, Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation), Mark Caesar (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, First Financial Bank), Chris Lewis (President, Mariemont Elementary PTO) and Steve Brokamp (Principal, Mariemont Elementary) gather outside Resthaven Barn, the site the Mariemont Elementary PTO's fall fundraiser.

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