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**The Educational Foundation of Dexter to hold
annual auction at Ann Arbor Country Club on March 10**

Feb. 7, 2012, Dexter, Mich. – The Educational Foundation of Dexter (EFD) is pleased to announce that their 2012 gala auction on March 10 will be held at the Ann Arbor Country Club (AACC), located at 4699 E. Loch Alpine Drive in the Loch Alpine neighborhood.

“After the success of the 2011 auction, we are happy to return to AACC for this year’s event,” said Jennifer Wagner, co-chair of the auction. “It was very important for us to hold our event within the Dexter school district in order to show our support and appreciation for the Dexter Community.”

The evening will feature a strolling supper, cocktails, desserts, great live music and both a silent and live auction.

A new feature this year includes a jewelry raffle in which attendees enter by purchasing one of 20 glasses of champagne available at the event. Each glass will hold one pair of faux diamond earrings and one lucky purchaser will win a pair of real diamond earrings courtesy of Lewis Jewelers of Ann Arbor.

For the second year in a row, a Golden Doodle puppy will be part of the live auction. This was so popular last year among dog lovers in attendance that it was the top bid item of the evening.

In addition, raffle tickets are available for \$20 ticket/3 for \$50 for prizes including a Toshiba 55” LED TV, a maize and blue lap quilt and \$100 cash. Raffle tickets may be purchased from EFD Trustees, Ann Arbor Country Club or Dexter Orthodontics. The raffle drawing will be held during the auction and winners do not need to be present to win.

The EFD is also pleased to announce this year's Gold Sponsor, LaFontaine Automotive Group, and its exciting donations of a weekend with a Chevy Volt and a weekend with a Chevy Camaro.

"Dexter schools have been the foundation of our community," said Matt LaFontaine of LaFontaine Automotive Group. "Having lived here for over 15 years with my children, I have seen this firsthand. Our decision to reinvest in Dexter was strongly influenced by the strength of Dexter's award winning schools. Our beautiful community is the reason that people come to Dexter and our schools are the reason that families decide to stay and build generations."

All funds raised will go to support grants requested by Dexter teachers for learning experiences otherwise unavailable through the school budget. Thus far in the 2011-2012 school year, the Educational Foundation of Dexter has funded 25 new grants totaling over \$32,000 for a broad range of student programs and teacher training, touching students in every school in the district.

Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased online using PayPal at www.efdexter.org. Click on the [EFD 2012 Auction](#) page for more information. To donate items for the auction, please contact us at auction@efdexter.org.

The EFD thanks those corporations who have supported our mission in 2011 and 2012 including Chelsea State Bank; LaFontaine Chevrolet of Dexter; LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Saline; LaFontaine Buick GMC of Ann Arbor; Michigan Pain Specialists; NuStep, Inc.; Ann Arbor Optometry; Bank of Ann Arbor; Busch's; Chelsea Milling Company; Dexter Mill; Dexter Pharmacy; Finn's Insurance; Foley, Baron & Metzger; Kelsey Law Group, PC; MAV Development; Michigan Commerce Bank; Retirement Income Solutions, Inc.; Telemus US Capital Partners; Terumo Cardiovascular Systems; Total Smiles Dental Group of Dexter and Total Smiles Dental Group of Chelsea; and United Bank & Trust, Kevin Sloan, DDS MS.

In addition, the following businesses and organizations have donated items for either the live or silent auction:

A2 Yoga
AAA Michigan
Absolute Computer Service
Al Denta Pasta
Anderson Paint/Ann Arbor Paint & Wallpaper
Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Ann Arbor Country Club
Ann Arbor Hands On Museum
Ann Arbor Optometry
Arbor Brewing Company
Artistica
Balloon Quest
Beacon Dental
Bellmark Lanes

Betsy Finn, Photography
Capt. Phogg Balloon Rides
Common Grill
Cupcake Station
Curves of Dexter
Dan Waitz Associates
Dancer's Edge Studio
Dexter Area Fire Dept.
Dexter Community Schools
Dexter Family Dentistry, P.C.
Dexter Pharmacy
Dexter Picture Frame Company
Elder Solutions Institute
Friends of Dexter Library
From the Kitchen of Olivia
Great Harvest Bread Co.
Hackney Hardware
Hell Survivor's Paintball Playfield
The Henry Ford
Jazzercise of Dexter
Lewis Jewelers
Liberty Athletic Club
Mancino's Pizza & Grinders
Maryann Griffith, DDS
Meadow Brook Hall - Dodge Mansion
Merkel Furniture
Miles of Golf
Movie Planet
Neiman Marcus
Red Wings
Purple Rose Theater
Reddeman Farms Golf Club
Schokolad
Schlanderer & Sons
Seva Restaurant
Simply Organized Life, Carolyn Anderson-Fermann
Toledo Zoo
Trader Joe's
University Musical Society
Weber's Inn
Wendy Martin Photography
Zingerman's

Visit the [EFD website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to discover an updated list of businesses and organization who will participate in this year's event.

The Educational Foundation of Dexter was organized in 1984 for the enrichment and benefit of the students enrolled in the Dexter School District. It is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides financial support for innovative and creative educational

projects *that cannot be funded* by the school district. Each year, thousands of dollars are awarded to teachers in all of the Dexter schools through an approved grant process.

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