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one glass at a time!*

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

To all of our supporters and attendees... I want to extend a big, big thank you!

Our 28th year was a huge success. Your support enabled us to donate \$453,000 to deserving charitable organizations, the largest annual donation amount in our history!

Local charities have always been our focus. But last year, we made an exception. With additional support from generous donors like you, we contributed to fire relief efforts in Napa and Sonoma Valley following devastating wildfires in our beloved California wine country. Distributions were also made to local families, many of whom are workers in the wine industry, whose homes were lost or damaged.

I want to thank our generous sponsors, our local wine distributors, our hundreds of volunteers, our passionate board of directors and our dedicated staff. A special thank you to the wineries from around the world that spent the weekend and generously donated all the wine for our events last year. As I always say: "There is no wine festival without wine!"

The board and I are also very pleased with the growth of our educational seminars. Wine enthusiasts of all ages, particularly beginners, sat down and explored the world of wine hosted by beverage professionals, and we hope to grow this effort even more in 2019. A sincere thank you to the instructors for their dedication, time, and expertise.

Our city has been recognized for being one of the greatest food and wine communities in the country. The Cincinnati International Wine Festival is so proud to be a part of this. Our Grand Tastings, The Winery Dinners, Seminars and Charity Auction and Luncheon attract visitors from across the country, and all to benefit local charities. It's a terrific fun filled week for Cincinnati. We look forward to serving you again next year! Don't miss the party, March 7-9, 2019!

Cheers,

Connie Wiles

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SAVE THE DATE

Join 2019 Honorary Chair Mark Beringer, as we celebrate the 29th year of the Wine Festival.

Tickets available NOW at winefestival.com

Honorary Chair Dinner

The Mercer OTR

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Winery Dinners

Greater Cincinnati Area Restaurants

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Special Tasting Room

Duke Energy Convention Center

Friday, March 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wine Education Seminar

Duke Energy Convention Center

Friday, March 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Grand Tastings

Duke Energy Convention Center

Friday, March 8, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Trade only)

Friday, March 8, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Charity Auction and Luncheon

Hall of Mirrors

Hilton Netherland Plaza

Saturday, March 9, 9:30 a.m.

Russ Wiles Memorial Golf Tournament

TPC River's Bend

June 3, 2019

Learn more and purchase tickets at winefestival.com or Call 513-241-3434.

OUR EVENTS



WINERY DINNERS

The 2018 wine festival kicked off with a special winery dinner at Restaurant L hosted by Honorary Chair Darioush Khaledi of Darioush Winery. Seventeen of the area's finest restaurants then partnered with wineries from around the globe to host the popular winery dinner series. These unique and intimate dining experiences allow guests to learn from winery hosts about each wine as it is paired with delicious cuisine, created by local chefs. This 2019 series will add a new twist to your favorite restaurant experience that you won't want to miss!



GRAND TASTINGS

The festival celebrated its 28th year with record-breaking attendance in the dazzling Grand Ballroom at the Duke Energy Convention Center. An estimated 5,500 attendees joined Honorary Chair Darioush Khaledi at the grand tastings on Friday and Saturday. This remarkable two-day event allowed guests the opportunity to taste more than 700 international and domestic wines, sample a variety of delicious foods, and bid on impressive silent auction items. The grand tastings only continue to grow and attract new wine lovers each year.



CHARITY AUCTION AND LUNCHEON

The excitement for the charity auction and luncheon was bigger than ever before in 2018. Auctioneer Dan Greathouse of Heidelberg Distributing enthusiastically presided over the live auction. Guests enjoyed fine wines while bidding on magnificent silent auction items with Co-Chairs Kathy Merchant and Bethanie Butcher. Chef Maxime Kien created a beautiful lunch menu to compliment the prestigious wineries featured at each table in the Hall of Mirrors at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza.



RUSS WILES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The breathtaking TPC River's Bend was home to the 19th annual Russ Wiles Memorial Golf Tournament, with Honorary Chair Mary Ann Bokenkotter. Foursomes competed at the "tournament like no other" while enjoying delicious cuisine, fine wine, and ice-cold beer on the course. The day concluded with a reception overlooking the 18th green along with exciting contest prizes, and fantastic tee gifts to commemorate this special tournament.

GIVING BACK ONE GLASS AT A TIME

Because 2018 was our most successful year yet, the Cincinnati International Wine Festival was able to grant \$400,000 to 35 non-profit organizations in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky and \$53,000 to the Napa and Sonoma Fire Relief Efforts.

90.0 FM WGUC

Abilities First

ALS Association Central and Southern Ohio

Alzheimer's Association Greater Cincinnati

Art Links

Asian Community Alliance

Cancer Family Care

Carnegie Arts Center

Catholic Inner-city School Education (CISE)

Children's Home of Northern Kentucky

The Cincinnati Ballet

Cincinnati Orchestra Club Audrey Dick

Scholarship Fund

Cincinnati Works

Concert: Nova

Conductive Learning Center

Crayons to Computers

Dan Beard Council Boy Scouts of America

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Dress for Success

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Kentucky Symphony Orchestra

Linton Chamber Music Series

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Master Provisions

May Festival

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Miami University Foundation- Donald E. Becker

Memorial

Midwest Culinary Institute

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Cincinnati

Special Olympics Hamilton County

Stepping Stones Center

Tender Mercies

Women Helping Women

The Cincinnati International Wine Festival is a charitable, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that benefits 35 Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky arts, education, and health and human services charities. The festival granted \$453,000 in grants in 2018, and more than \$5.6 million to local charities since its inception in 1991.

The patronage and support of the Greater Cincinnati community enables the festival to continue giving back, one glass at a time.



BENEFICIARY SPOTLIGHT



Established in 1882, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky (CHNK) is a premier provider of behavioral health and substance use treatment services.

Outpatient and residential services are designed specifically for youth who have experienced mental health disorders, addiction, abuse, neglect, or other

serious trauma. Operating out of three convenient locations in Northern Kentucky, our team of 100 healthcare professionals takes a trauma-informed and family-focused approach to treatment, annually impacting over 1,700 individuals.

Thanks to funds received from the Cincinnati International Wine Festival, CHNK has supported investments in technology and clients' educational needs. It has helped to launch new treatment lines for vulnerable youth and offset the cost of treating clients who have no way of paying for services on their own. Event supporters can feel good knowing that every glass raised had a positive impact on at-risk youth right here in our Tri-State community!

BEYOND THE WINE FESTIVAL

Throughout 2018, we participated in several events around Cincinnati supporting our 35 beneficiaries! Watch for more events like this in 2019 as we continue to expand.

Here is a full list of the additional events from the 2018 wine festival season!

- Vino at the Memo: 4 Wine Tastings
- Sartre: Old World vs. New World Wine Tasting
- Alzheimer's Walk: booth
- Savor Cincinnati: Sponsor
- Arts Wave: Wine Tasting
- Taste of Duve-neck: Sponsor
- Charm at the Farm: Wine Booth
- Over the Rhine Film Festival

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Russ Wiles, 1939-2003

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