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Bloomin' Bash

Well hello to all of the members of the DHUMP extended family! Spring Break is over and we're basking in the afterglow of an extremely fun & successful Bloomin' Bash! Now everyone's eyes are set on the prize we call "summer". And with that comes vacations, summer heat, & anticipation of another great school year at DHUMP.

The 2010 Bloomin' Bash was an unmitigated success. Personally speaking, it was the first one my wife & I have attended. When we were considering pre-schools for our son we spoke to some friends of ours who sent their children to DHUMP in the past. They told us that not only was DHUMP a great school, but they had so much fun at the Bash every year that it was yet another reason to enroll the kids for another year. We couldn't agree more.

I spoke with Lisa Milko (our tireless chairperson for this year's Bash), and she shared some of the numbers with me for this year's festive event. This year we had 216 guests. This number included teachers, parents, friends and alumni, and we raised right around \$37,000! Those of you in attendance saw some of the fantastic auction items... a very impressive array of stuff! Lisa made a point to mention that we had so many generous donors, of both goods and time (volunteering). She wanted to say a big thanks to Michelle & Eric Andreen and Stoney Rover Homes for generous wine donations, as well as The Albert, Oceanaire, Pure Taqueria and Pura Vida for their generous food

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sponsorships. Scott and his crew at Atlanta Sound and Lighting worked feverishly to make sure everything could be seen and heard, and TLC Rents donated all of the linens, plates, glasses, tables – all at a fraction of the cost. It's such an impressive list, and we are truly lucky to have the generous support of our families and local businesses.

Lisa did such a fantastic job pulling this event together, but in her inimitable style she was quick to point out all of the fantastic folks that helped her out. "This was my first year as chair, and I worked very closely with Jen Tipping, who headed up procurement. I have to say that with each donation we received, we felt such huge pride and excitement, especially in some of the big, NEW donations we got this year. For example, the weekend in Turks & Caicos. I was in the office at school when I got the email from the resort and I almost popped with excitement. What a SCORE! Also I would be remiss if I did not thank the Bash Committee for working their BUNS off since September to produce such an awesome night!!!!"

So please join me in giving Lisa, Jen & all of the other volunteers a hearty round of applause for all of their efforts. And remember, it's never too early to start thinking about Bash 2011. There are lots of places to volunteer, from early in the school year procurement to Bash night set up. It's a fun committee and a great way to meet other DHUMP parents and help the school. Many new parents miss out on Bash because they don't know what it is and maybe don't fully understand it's purpose. So I would encourage all parents to come to the Bash! It's such a fun night – and for a wonderful cause.



UPDATE ON OUR Pots FOR Tots



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And finally, an update on our "Tots For Pots" campaign. Margaret Waterbury has shared with me the exciting developments so far. These include a new, updated design that is more cost effective & easier to make into a reality. We have two veteran plumbers that are assisting us with this endeavor and the church board of trustees has

approved the plan. Our next step is to get the building permit from the City Of Atlanta. We're making progress on our goal of \$30,000 and we'd like to express our gratitude to those who have made generous donations so far. But we still need help! Please visit the DHUMP homepage to make your TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation!

<http://www.dhump.org/capitalcampaign.htm>

Well that's about all for this installment. Enjoy the nice weather, try to avoid the pollen & until the next time - I'll see you on the playground for pickup!

— Chris Poteat
a/k/a Graham's dad

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