



THE Michael James Cotton FOUNDATION

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The First Annual ONE HEART TOUCHING MANY Gala was a huge success!!

The Michael James Cotton Foundation held its first annual “One Heart Touching Many” Fundraising Gala in June. It was an overwhelming success with over 200 in attendance from across the United States. We are so very grateful for the enthusiasm and support everyone showed our first Gala fundraiser. All who attended made the evening truly special and contributed immensely to our cause.



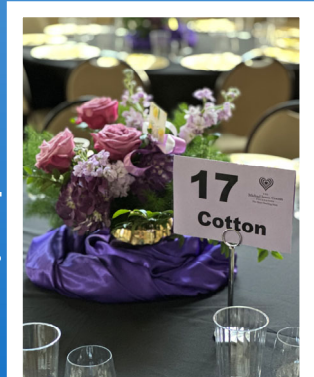
The atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter, warmth, and a shared commitment to making a difference. It was heartwarming to see individuals come together in support of our mission. Their presence not only added to the vibrancy of the event but also un-

derscored the significance of the work we do.

The Live and Silent Auctions were a huge success and as the auctions came to an end, everyone ramped up with excitement for the Casino aspect of the evening!

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we were able to raise over \$72,000 towards assisting young adults with their sobriety, mental health and spiritual journeys. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the collective power of our community. These contributions will directly impact the lives of those we serve, bringing hope and opportunities where they are needed most.

Beyond the financial support, we were reminded of the solidarity that exists within our community. Knowing that we have individuals like yourself standing beside us gives us the strength and motivation to





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continue our efforts with renewed vigor.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of the evening, whether through volunteering, donations, sponsorship, or in any other capacity. It truly takes a village to make an event like this possible, and we are deeply grateful for each and every person who was a part of our first gala.

As we reflect on the gala, we are filled with a sense of gratitude and optimism for the future. With supporters like you by our side, we are confident that we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and for being a part of this incredible journey with us. We are very excited to begin the planning of the Second Annual Gala and hope we can count on your continued support.

Please save the date for next year's gala on June 7, 2025. It will be held again at Emmaus Catholic Parish with more details to follow in the coming months.



THANK YOU!!!





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CELEBRATE!!

The foundation isn't even a year old yet and as of September 30th, we have awarded grants to 17 young adults!!

Whoo-Hoo!!

Please see the difference we are making in young adult's lives by viewing our video:



Matching Gifts - The Following Companies have Approved Us for Matching Gifts:



Thank you Valerie Cary and John Janecek for nominating us! If you work for one of these companies, please consider donating to us through the matching fund program at work. Also, if your company has a matching gift program, please let us know if you are interested in nominating the foundation and helping us become a part of that program at your place of employment.

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