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SPELLAPALOOZA a Success!

Glen Ellyn, IL – The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Centers' 2nd Annual Spellapalooza fundraiser took place last Friday, March 12. At the end of the evening, only one winner took home the prize. 'Spellin' for Ellen', a group of women supporting the late founder of the Resource Center, Ellen Weissbrodt, showed everyone that they alone were the master spellers. Last year, 'Spellin' for Ellen' shared the grand prize. The Book Store from Glen Ellyn took home the consolation prize, after losing the spell off in the final round.

Fans from Abraham Lincoln Elementary School were the winners of the coveted 'Sprit Award'. The competition for this award was fierce, but the Leopards from Lincoln brought over 50 enthusiastic fans and won the sweet reward. A cake donated by Flour Barrel Bakery in Glen Ellyn will be delivered to the school in the coming weeks.

In the audience participation round of the spelling bee, two individuals received perfect scores. Glen Ellyn residents Margot Zwierlein and Peter Cooper received "Chumpion Speller" t-shirts, which they can wear proudly throughout the year!

The real winner of SPELLAPALOOZA is the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center. This years' event raised over \$7,000 to aid the literacy programs offered by the Center. Said event organizer Kasey O'Connell, "The support that the community showed GECRC was amazing! We exceeded the amount raised last year by 20% which is so helpful in this tough economic situation."

The GECRC has been providing cost-free, after-school and summer educational support services for low-income children since 2002. The Center, located in Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, relies on the support of donations and grants.