

# OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT

Women organizations raise more than \$20,000 in two events at Florence Events Center



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Two fun auction events this weekend featured the leadership of two Florence-area women's groups.

Soroptimist International of Florence invited community members to design a themed bra for Bras for the Cause, raising money for scholarships and to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. An auction of the 12 bras and desserts netted more than \$10,000 on Saturday night — and a lot of fun.

The next night, PEO Chapter FQ Florence held "Wine, Women and Who Knows What?" The

wine tasting featured Campbell Lane Winery and special pours from PEO. A large silent auction featured themed gift baskets, art, textiles and more.

According to PEO member Paula Becker, PEO raised more than \$12,000. A scholarship fund in the name of Bev Holman, who passed away in January, will receive \$2,000 from the totals.

Pavilion Catering provided dinner for the Soroptimists and specialized hors d'oeuvres for the PEO wine tasting.

Although both Soroptimist and PEO are women-centric organizations, the events were co-ed.





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