

YMCA auction raises about \$115,000

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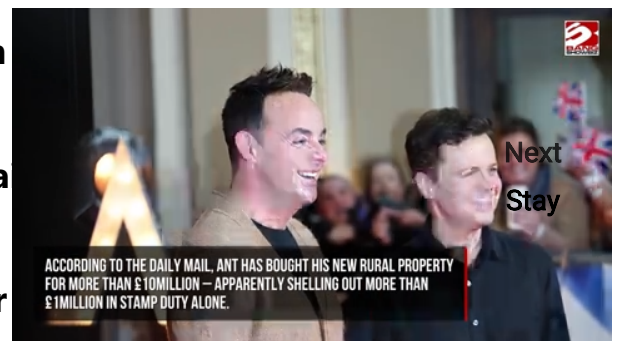
On Feb. 14, the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA officials celebrated their 40th Annual YMCA Auction, presented by Kunes Auto Group, at the Grand Geneva Resort & Spa in the town of Lyons.

Community partners, donors, sponsors and guests raised more than \$115,000 to help support the Y's Financial Assistance and Community Outreach programs, which was a fundraising record.

"This was an amazing evening," said Mike Kramp, CEO of the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, in a press release. "It was incredible to witness the generosity, support, and dedication to the programs and services we offer. Nearly every paddle was raised to support Y programming as members and community partners shared their Y stories — stories that provide opportunities for growth and a true place to belong."

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For more than 140 years, the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA has served Lake Geneva and over 35 surrounding communities. Some of the YMCA's community programs include:

- Dream Team Baseball — Providing inclusive athletic opportunities for individuals with special needs.
- Rock Steady Boxing — Empowering adults living with Parkinson's disease through non-contact, boxing-inspired fitness training.
- Safety Around Water — A free drowning prevention program serving Walworth County second graders.
- Summer Camp & Before/

After School Care — Offering a safe, all-year environment where kids can learn, grow, and thrive through enriching activities, caring staff, and dependable support for families.

This 40th annual auction also highlighted the support of 33 sponsors.

Special recognition went to presenting sponsor Kunes Auto Group and to Chinawest Jewelers, a supporter for 40 consecutive years, along with other business and community leaders who have helped support the YMCA:

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YMCA officials already are planning for next year's celebration.

The 2027 YMCA auction's theme will be "Tropical Escape," which will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2027.

The YMCA's next community event will be on Saturday, April 25, for the Ninth Annual Sprint for Spring 5K Run/Walk and Healthy Kids Day.

The 5K Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. and is a chip-timed race that requires registration.

From 10:30 a.m.-noon is Healthy Kids Day, a free event that teaches healthy habits to children and their families and encourages physical activity and play.



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