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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Annual Dinner a Huge Success
Silent Auction Raises Money for Local 4-H Youth Members Medical Expenses

The Hillside Manor in Kingston was the setting for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. This year CCEUC teamed up with the Ulster County Farm Bureau for a combined annual event. The evening kicked off with an introduction of CCEUC Board and Program members followed by announcing the honorees of the 2007 Friends of Extension. CCEUC recognizes individuals for their countless hours of volunteering and dedication to select programs and honors them with the Friends of Extension Award. This year's Friends of Extension honorees were the Davenport Farm Families of Ulster County, Lori Rotolo of Ulster County Healthy Start and Betty Burgher of Saugerties. Business and organization honorees for philanthropic support were Macs New Paltz Agway and the Ulster County Agricultural Society.

The silent auction which is a fund raiser for CCEUC took place throughout the evening. This year a percentage of the money raised was donated to Erica Bell, 14 who is a 7 year Ulster County 4-H youth member that has been diagnosed with a fast growing sarcoma cancer. Bell is currently paralyzed and undergoing treatment in Albany. CCEUC donated a percentage of the auction proceeds to help with the costs of Erica's care and recovery in the amount of \$2,230 which included a live auction of a turkey raised by Erica for the 4-H Live Auction, which sold for \$900 and also included additional donations that were collected throughout the evening. CCEUC raised \$828 at the event.

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