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Fall Fiesta Cooperative for Education

ome 250 supporters were on hand for the eighth annual Fall Fiesta, sponsored by Channel 5, at the 20th Century in Oakley. The event featured food, basket raffles, a silent auction and live entertainment by the Key of E jazz quartet and singer/songwriter Mike Heile. There was also an Ireland Getaway luxury raffle for a week's stay in a three-bedroom home near Dublin.

A record of more than \$70,000 was raised to benefit Cooperative for Education, which was founded by two Xavier University graduates in 1996 in an effort to provide textbooks to impoverished children in Guatemala. Today, the funds provide not only textbooks, but computers, libraries and scholarships as well, to help the children break the cycle of poverty through education.



Mary Graham writes down a bid for a Bengals football. With her are Cooperative for Education founders Jeff (center) and Joe Berninger.



Frank Albi fills out a raffle ticket under the watchful eye of Janet Paulin at Fall Fiesta 2008, a benifit held at the 20th Century Theatre.