Scene and heard: SnowCap Community Charities and Clackamas Repertory Theatre

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SnowCap Community Charities

SnowCap Community Charities raised a record $94,000 at its 11th annual Valentine's dinner auction on Feb. 9 at the Holiday Inn Portland-Airport. Jim Mahnke, general manager of Golden Valley Brewing restaurant in Hillsboro, chaired the event, which drew a crowd of more than 300. Created 47 years ago, SnowCap Community Charities provides food, clothing, advocacy and other services to low-income people living in east Multnomah County.

Clackamas Repertory Theatre

The annual fundraiser for Clackamas Repertory Theatre featured a one-night-only production of the classic melodrama, "Dirty Work at the Crossroads or Tempted Tried and True" on Feb. 2 at the Osterman Theatre on the campus of Clackamas Community College. More than 275 attended the performance. Alice Norris was chairwoman for the sold-out event, which raised more than $17,500 to help underwrite the 2013 season. Clackamas Repertory Theatre is in its ninth season of producing accessible professional theater for an underserved area of Clackamas County while providing meaningful work experience for current and former CCC students.

Northwest Chinese Academy

Northwest Chinese Academy, Beaverton's only full-time Chinese immersion school for pre-school through sixth-grade students, raised $95,000 during the school's fifth annual Hong Bao Gala on Feb. 2 at the Tiffany Center. KGW's Drew Carney was master of ceremonies and Karen Shih and Lisa Snyder were co-chairwomen for the event, which drew a crowd of 190. The Hong Bao Gala is named after the Mandarin Chinese term for "red envelopes," which are filled with money and traditionally presented during special occasions and the Chinese New Year.
Congregation Beth Israel

"Taste of Temple," a friendraiser and fundraiser for Congregation Beth Israel on Feb. 10 in Schnitzer Family Center, showcased food and drink specialties from more than 30 area restaurants, bakeries, breweries and distilleries. The 350 attendees generated more than $50,000 to support spiritual, educational, artistic and social action programming at Beth Israel and throughout the broader community.

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