

Good Works

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A BIG HIT: The Capital Classic presented its largest donation to date at Nellie's Sports Bar in D.C. on Jan. 23. Left to right are: Sam Roberson, Cap Classic fundraiser; Channing Wickham, director of Washington AIDS Partnership; Walker Chaffin, tournament director; Brandon Green, signature sponsor; Mike Hahn, Cap Classic committee member; and Ted Buckley, Cap Classic fundraiser.

WHO'S GIVING: Capital Classic tennis tournament

WHO'S RECEIVING: Washington AIDS Partnership

WHAT'S BEING GIVEN: \$19,500 from 2007 tourney

BACKGROUND: The nonprofit tennis tournament, run by the Capital Tennis Association, is preparing for its 16th event this September. The recipient of the donations from last year's tournament, Washington AIDS Partnership, is a collaboration of grant-making organizations that leads a private-sector response to HIV/AIDS in the area. Since 1989, the partnership has granted more than \$16 million to over 140 organizations. Funding areas include HIV prevention, public policy, capacity building and morale for front-line workers. The 2007 signature sponsors included Brandon Green & Associates, North American Title

and Washington Home Mortgage. This year the Capital Classic's goal is to break the \$20,000 mark.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE SPONSOR: "We solicited bids from different charities, and the planning committee thought that [Washington AIDS Partnership] was doing some interesting work in researching new, and possibly more effective, research projects to help in the fight against HIV/AIDS," says Walker Chaffin, director of the Capital Classic. "We thought that, because they were a smaller organization compared to Whitman-Walker, our donation would make a larger impact on their greater good."

WHO'S GIVING: Clark Construction Group LLC

WHO'S RECEIVING: Catholic Charities

WHAT'S BEING GIVEN: \$1.6 million

BACKGROUND: At a black-tie event at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Feb. 9, Catholic Charities celebrated a year of fundraising by honoring Clark Construction Group LLC and the Clark Charitable Foundation Inc. with the "Voice of Hope" award, given annually to a donor who is a longtime supporter of Catholic Charities. Each year, the charity assists 100,000 needy individuals and families in D.C. and Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties in Maryland. Assistance comes in the form of housing, food, legal aid and other services delivered by 94 programs in 88 geographically diverse locations with nearly 6,000 staff and volunteers. Gala guests were treated to the vocal and musical talents of Michael Cavanaugh, the Grammy and Tony award nominated artist who was hand-picked by Billy Joel for the role of Piano Man in his Broadway production "Movin' Out."

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