

# Freehold Township Education Foundation Event Helps to Complete the “Connection”

*Monte Carlo Night proceeds allow organization to fully fund a most important initiative*

(Freehold, NJ) - The Freehold Township Education Foundation’s (FTEF) annual Monte Carlo Night Fundraiser, sponsored by Trinity Solar, was held at the beautiful Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club in Farmingdale on Friday, November 14, 2014. Over 240 guests turned out to support Freehold Township schools, raising more than \$35,000 which will allow them to officially “connect” 100% of the classrooms in the Freehold Township School District. Guests were treated to a host of popular casino games which consisted Blackjack, Roulette, Craps and Poker, and then exchanged their chips for tickets to win raffle baskets contributed by members of the community. A limited 50/50 raffle was also held with cash prizes totaling over \$6,000 awarded to three guests.

“We are thrilled to have the support of everyone who attended and the community sponsors that stepped up to help the schools, particularly Trinity Solar our event sponsor” said Doreen Bierman, Monte Carlo Night Chairperson. “We were also extremely lucky to have such a wonderful committee who worked tirelessly to put this event together,” noted Bierman. “Everyone gave 100 percent to create a fantastic evening.”

Along with event sponsor Trinity Solar, additional support came from The Provident Bank Foundation, Ocean County Retina, CentraState Healthcare Foundation, Lou’s Auto Repair & Express Lube, OceanFirst Bank, Freehold Cartage, TD Bank, Amoroso Kitchens, Cavanaugh’s Pest Control, Retro Fitness, Provident Bank, Dr. Steven Lemberger, The Galvin Law Firm, Thompson Center for Plastic Surgery, Saker ShopRites, KDC Solar, Holiday Pools, Party Perfect, 2 Coats Painting, All American Ford, Pediatric Health, Zumba for Life, Sunshine Schoolhouse, Clayton & McGirr, Wet Wille’s, Freehold Savings Bank, Lorenzo Media Productions, The YMCA of Western Monmouth, Dependable Limousine, Salkin’s Jewel Case, and Central Jersey Pools.

The proceeds from the evening were more than enough to help the FTEF complete its ConnectUs! fundraising initiative that was set forth at the organization’s first Monte Carlo Night in 2012. “I am very excited that we have achieved our objective of raising enough money to transform every school room in the district into an interactive classroom,” said Mark Breslauer the ConnectUs! Chairman. “Tonight, we are proud of the fact that every room will now be equipped with three vital pieces of technology... a mounted short-throw projector, latest-generation document camera and a tablet computer. Breslauer continued, “We are so grateful to so many people for their support in helping us achieve our goal.”

In his speech to those in attendance, FTEF Chairman John Zalepka was quoted as saying, “As we close out the ConnectUs! campaign, the Freehold Township Education Foundation is dedicated more than ever to continuing our mission: **To fund initiatives that foster excellence in Freehold Township Schools.** To this end we are working closely with the administration to finalize the plans for our next initiative. Right now, I can tell you that it is gaining STEAM and that it will involve a CENTER at every school in the Freehold Township School District. I invite you to stay in touch with us over the next few weeks ([www.ftefnj.org](http://www.ftefnj.org) or [www.facebook.com/ftefnj](http://www.facebook.com/ftefnj)) as we will be rolling out the details of what is sure to transform every school in the district, if not every school district in the country.”

Not coincidentally, Freehold Township School District superintendent Dr. Ross Kasun has been chosen as one of only 100 exemplary superintendents that have been invited to the White House for a technology summit (ConnectED to the Future), in part due to the collaborative efforts of the administration and the Freehold Township Education Foundation.

Chairman Zalepka closed by saying, “This is not hyperbole folks, Freehold Township is on the map in a BIG way! And I firmly believe that Freehold Township will continue to pave the way as the innovative leader in technology driven, collaborative education.”

The Freehold Township Education Foundation is a community based all-volunteer nonprofit foundation created to raise money that will fund innovative programs for pre-K - 8 schools in science, technology, the environment, the arts, health, diversity and other areas that are evolving rapidly in the 21st century. Meetings are held monthly and all parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to get involved. Visit [www.ftefnj.org](http://www.ftefnj.org) for more information about the FTEF.