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**Freehold Township Education Foundation Hosted a Successful Second Annual Casino Night To Bring Interactive Technology To Classrooms In The District**

FREEHOLD, NJ November 15, 2013 – The Freehold Township Education Foundation (FTEF) hosted its second annual “Monte Carlo” Casino Night on November 15 at the Battleground Country Club. A total of around \$30,000 was raised from the event, which consisted of a host of popular games, including Blackjack, Roulette, Craps and Poker. The 240 guests played with mock money to win raffle tickets for gift basket prizes which included fashion, cosmetic, sports/health, entertainment and culinary items. The 50/50 raffle generated cash prizes totaling nearly \$8,000 and a first prize of around \$5,500.

The proceeds from the event will go towards the FTEF’s \$250,000 fundraising campaign, called ‘ConnectUs!’ The goal of the campaign is to ensure that every classroom in all prekindergarten through eighth grade schools in the Freehold Township School District is equipped with a 21<sup>st</sup> century state-of-the-art technology platform (comprising a latest-generation document camera, mounted short-throw projector and tablet device), which will transform the learning experience and classroom environment for all students and teachers.

“It was another wonderful evening of fun and fundraising”, said FTEF Chair Gail Reilly, MD. “People had a great time and in the process we raised funds to equip even more interactive classrooms in the Freehold Township School District. Thank you to our sponsors, prize donors, guests and all those who purchased 50/50 raffle tickets. The FTEF Monte Carlo committee, ably led by Lynne Stokes, created a fabulous event!”

Special awards were presented to Barry Tobias of The Peter Jay Sharp Foundation and Edith Legg and Shari Scaramuzzo, Freehold branch managers at Investors Bank, in recognition of their foundations’ generous contributions to the Connect Us! campaign and their sponsorship of the Monte Carlo Casino Night.

Freehold Township Education Foundation is a community-based, all-volunteer, nonprofit foundation created to fund innovative programs for Freehold Township district schools. For more information about the foundation, or to donate, visit [www.ftefnj.org](http://www.ftefnj.org).

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