

Community Matters

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Help Clifford Help Kids

(Community Matters) Palmer Auditorium was rocking last night to the sounds of **Booker T and the MGs**, the band behind the original "Memphis sound" of Carla and Rufus Thomas, Otis Redding and others.

Susan Antone, Carla & Jack McDonald and **Alan Luecke** chaired another successful and fun event raising money for **American Youthworks**. Jack announced from the stage that they'd raised \$415,000, though that was before a live auction that raised over \$40,000 and before 100 or more people gave \$100 each to underwrite a kid.

American YouthWorks is a very sophisticated and successful charter school founded by social entrepreneur & friend **Richard Halpin**. If someone isn't familiar with the organization, they should be. More information [here](#).

Kent Mayes and I joined Carla & Jack at their table, along with **Stephen Jones, Michael Barnes** and another really cute couple I'm embarrassed I never heard their names Christy and David May (*per MB's blog posting*).

We were right next to Austin Ventures' table and enjoyed hanging out with **Kim Paschall**, her new beau **Kyle Hughes, Jenny Plessums** and her beau, **Bo**.

Local designer **Clayton Morgan** won the live bidding for the Los Cabos weekend at \$13,500. And, as the highest live auction bidder, **Nina Seely** and **Ralph Lauren** threw in a \$3,000 gift certificate.

Kirk and Amy Rudy sponsored a table but snuck off to Napa for a romantic long weekend.

Others we spotted, some actually were able to visit with, included **Linda Ball & Forrest Preece, Susan Antone, Chris & Carol Adams, Ann Elizabeth Wynn, Don Hammill, Lance Avery Morgan**, and gosh *spoke with a lot more folks but not allowed to have coffee this morning - grrrr.*

