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Children's Museum thanks supporters

Mingling among the Children's Museum's hyperbolic funnel, blinking traffic lights and other fun stuff, grown-ups attended an award ceremony and fund-raising holiday gala at the museum Saturday night.

The money raised will benefit the museum's surround-sound educational science and history theater.

The gala began with the "Great Friends to Kids" award ceremony to honor people who have contributed to the museum's growth. This year's honorees include U.S. Rep Sherwood Boehlert, R-New Hartford; GE Elfun's John Stephenson; Wilcor International's Bill Corrigan; Regent Broadcasting General Manager Mary Jo Beach; and Rig-All co-owner Patty Williams.

The rest of the evening was spent dancing and listening to the music of Blue Star and Don Cantwell Cleff Dwellers, eating and drinking and enjoying the top floor's space exhibit and new Hot Wheels collection.

Boehlert encouraged everyone to get involved to improve what the region has to offer.

"Each of us has an opportunity to identify something in the Children's Museum that demands we give more of ourselves to improve it," he said.