

# HeroHomes Casino Night Draws Huge Crowd to Shadow Creek

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More than 200 guests, volunteers and veterans gathered Saturday night at Shadow Creek for fun, music, and "games of chance" at the Second Annual HeroHomes Casino Night. Purcellville's HeroHomes organization provides new homes for Loudoun County veterans in need. Saturday's Casino Night fund raising gala was generously sponsored by the Levi Family of Loudoun County and generously supported by multiple individual, family and corporate donors.

HeroHomes Board Member Liz McDonald said, "The Second Annual Casino Night was a tremendous success, raising over \$50,000. The entire HeroHomes team is grateful for the outpouring of public support of our mission. We are truly humbled by the generous financial support from our loyal donors."



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Two roulette wheels kept the crowd busy all through the evening



HeroHomes Board Member Matt Lowers introduces four local vets to the crowd: Michael Martinez, William Slease, Jarrad Davenport and Tony Porta



Paul, Hannah and Robbie Levi stand beneath their banner, welcoming more than 200 guests to the 2nd Annual HeroHomes Casino Night



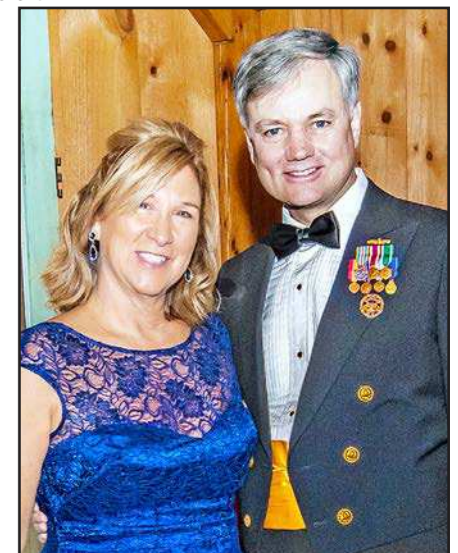
Lauren and David Keuhner, of Honor Brewing, enter Shadow Creek with the goal of supporting all the vets



HeroHomes Board Members Matt Lowers, Liz McDonald, Scott Gessay and Jason Brownell greet guests arriving at their 2nd Annual Casino Night fund-raising event



Jennifer Boggess, Jacque Hansbrough, Diane Northern and Candice Bower chat during a brief lull in the social activities on the gaming floor



Susan Roy and CAPT Allen Young take in the entertainment options available all across the venue



Paul Levi launches the dice while his wife Robbie monitors their available resources



Chris McDaniel, Shelley McDaniel, Joey Luxter and Leigh Luxter group up to discuss the goings on across the venue



Scott and Cathy Fain, Iris and Harry Burkhart, and Lydia and Jeff Clark plan their strategy for maximizing fun for the evening



Diane and Scott Northern pause in planning for their strategy on the gaming tables



Susan and Norm Styer enjoy a quiet moment apart from the bustle of casino activities



SFC William Slease expresses to the crowd his deep appreciation for the house that HeroHomes is building for his family near Hillsboro



Susan Styer, Blue Ridge District Supervisor Tony Buffington; HeroHomes Board Members Liz McDonald and Jason Brownell; Alice, Maggie and SFC William Slease; Colleen Gustavson and local vet Tony Porta provide an excellent photo opp during the Casino Night festivities



Bob and Stephanie Caines, and Laura and John Sullivan enjoy a round of adult beverages and plan their next move on the gaming tables