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### **HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES** **TITLE SPONSOR OF SCHOONER COVE**

*APG Federal Credit Union makes commitment for Havre de Grace Library renovation*

**Belcamp, Md., November 6, 2014** -- More than 700 attendees looked on as Harford County Public Library CEO Mary Hastler announced a \$100,000 pledge for Schooner Cove from APG Federal Credit Union. The announcement was made at “The Grand Tour: An Evening in the Stacks,” the annual library gala held the evening of November 1 at the Abingdon Library.

Schooner Cove, the children’s department in the new Havre de Grace Library, will provide innovative and interactive experiences and pretend play for children from birth to 5 years of age.

“Schooner Cove will offer the children of Havre de Grace and the region a dynamic children’s library unparalleled in the state. We are honored by APG Federal Credit Union’s significant support for this project,” Hastler said. “APG Federal Credit Union is a tremendous company with a strong focus on community involvement and early education. We are thrilled to expand our relationship with this longstanding partner.”

Don W. Lewis, president/CEO of APG Federal Credit Union, said, “At APGFCU, our mission is to build the financial health of our community. We do so by providing financial education for our neighbors of all ages, and we view our partnership with the

Harford County Public Library as a great opportunity to fulfill our mission. On behalf of our board of directors, employees and members, we are honored to pledge our support of Schooner Cove in the new Havre de Grace Library. We are local people helping local people.”

Schooner Cove will be located on the second floor, where the library’s main collection will be housed. It will include six distinct areas: a shipping yard, schooner, story area, little lagoon, ranger station and entrance. As the title sponsor, APG Federal Credit Union will receive exclusive naming rights to Schooner Cove for 25 years.

Proceeds from the November 1 gala will also be used to support the Havre de Grace Library renovation and expansion project. Combined sponsorships, ticket sales, raffle sales, contributions and live and silent auction bids raised \$101,000, net, for the project.

Notably, the library raised \$52,600 with its live auction which was conducted by auctioneers Derek Hopkins and Robert Ryan. *WJZ-TV* personality Kristy Breslin served as master of ceremonies for the event.

After a lively exchange, Cindy Height of Port Deposit claimed the library’s BackYard Crashers package, a custom yard makeover valued at more than \$60,000. The winning bid was \$40,000. Picture Perfect Patios, Nature Unlimited, EP Henry, Maryland Paving, Lawnscape, GW Stephens, Town Security Group/Audio Extreme, Maryland Mechanical Systems, INC and Quality One, Inc., combined to create this year’s package, which included a 1,000-square-foot patio, sitting wall, landscaping, lighting, irrigation and an outside speaker system. Design of the patio will start this week with anticipated completion before Thanksgiving.

BackYard Crashers is being filmed for a segment that will air on Harford Cable Network and can be followed by fans on Facebook at HCPL's Foundation page.

In addition, Hard Rock Hotels of Mexico and the Dominican Republic, Partners in Travel, Kingdom Magic Vacations, Spa on the Boulevard, Maryland Golf and Country Clubs, Laurrapin, Pairings Bistro, Keene Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, Verdant Valley Farm, Manor Tavern, Al and Christine Williamson, University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health, ARC, Habitat for Humanity, Center for the Arts, Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding, Extraordinaire Limousine, SARC and Southern Rotary provided diverse offerings for guests to bid on during the live auction.

At the close of the auction, the winning raffle ticket was drawn for diamond earrings donated by Saxon's Diamond Centers.

Gala guests enjoyed small plates and libations by Laurrapin Grille, sushi by Wegmans, bourbon and wine selections from Jim's BottleWorks, craft brews from DuClaw Brewing Company, coffee from Coffee Coffee and an array of decadent deserts from Wegmans, Flavor Cupcakery, Jarrettsville Creamery and Deli and Les Petits Bisous.

The Edwardian-era "grand tour" ports of call décor was provided by Richardson's Flowers & Gifts, Fandango, Select, Grand Events and Events By I Did It Myself. Entertainment included Mood Swings, caricature artist Rick Wright, rose sales by Flowers by Bauers and a mock casino sponsored by Hollywood Casinos.

Sponsors for this year's gala were: **Presenting Sponsors:** APG Federal Credit Union, Nature Unlimited, Picture Perfect Patios, Richardson's Flowers & Gifts and Saxon's Diamond Centers; **Headlining Sponsors:** Comcast, EP Henry, GW Stephens, Harford's Heart, Hart to Heart Transportation, I95 Business, Keene Dodge Chrysler Jeep

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