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SAIL Chocolate Festival embodies true community spirit!

Marquette, MI - SAIL, Disability Network of the U.P. would like to thank the community for their participation at the 2020 Chocolate Festival that was held Feb. 23, 2020 at the NMU Northern Center.

The Chocolate Festival is an annual event where local businesses and restaurants around the U.P. make delicious chocolate or dessert samples for ticket holders. In addition, many wonderful donations from local businesses helped to create some amazing raffle baskets. "The monies raised from this event are for our One in Five Annual Appeal. Through this Annual Appeal, we help to connect one in five individuals who live with a disability to four programs throughout the fifteen counties of the Upper Peninsula. This year, the Chocolate Festival raised \$6,776 for year-round activities through the Assistive Technology, U.P. Vets SERVED, SPAR programs and the Sled Hockey U.P. team. This is the highest net gross of donations to date and we are so grateful to the community for their support." said Sarah Peurakoski, Executive Director.

SAIL would like to thank all of the featured businesses that generously donated chocolate and dessert samples for the event. Those included: Saykllys The Candy Store, NMU Simply Superior Events and Catering, Donckers, NMU Hospitality Club, Marquette Food Co-Op, 231West Patisserie, Midtown Bakery and Café, Towners Pastry and Chocolate Shoppe, Café Bodega, Biggby Coffee, Dulce Nulla Gourmet Desserts and Dean Foods - Jilbert's Dairy.

The ticket holders of the Chocolate Festival vote on three "Best Of" categories where winners are voted on during the event. This year, the winners were: Best Customer Service – Donckers, Best Dessert – Towners Pastry and Chocolate Shoppe and Best Dressed Table – NMU Simply Superior.

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