

Capitol Steps Event Raises Funds for UCM

The Friends of UCM hosted a sold-out crowd for its annual fundraising event, "The Capitol Steps Benefit for UCM," in the Madison Auditorium at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Sunday, Nov. 5. The 26th annual signature event raised nearly \$87,000 that will provide help to vulnerable individuals, families, and children in southeastern Fairfax County.

"Poverty is no laughing matter, but The Capitol Step's political satire was as hilarious and timely as ever," said Elin Bohn, president of The Friends of UCM and member of the UCM Board of Directors.

More than 350 guests enjoyed the evening with friends and colleagues, with chances to win raffle baskets.

"UCM is grateful to our hosts and to our sponsors who make this event possible, especially Title Sponsor Doug and Eileen Kennett and Diamond Sponsor, AT&T, Diamond Sponsor," said Alison DeCoursey, UCM executive director. The



The Friends of UCM hosted the 26th annual UCM Capitol Steps Benefit on Nov. 5. From left: Event co-chair Diane Hanak with Friends of UCM President and UCM Board Member Elin Bohn, and event co-chairs Trish Fowler and Judy Cahill.



Among the community leaders who enjoyed the UCM Capitol Steps Benefit were (from left) retired Fairfax County Supervisor Gerry Hyland, state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36), and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck.

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The Friends of UCM will host its annual

"Give From the Heart Spring Gala" on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Madison Auditorium, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in Old Town Alexandria. For infor-

mation about sponsoring the 2017 Gala, contact UCM Development and Communications Director Kenya Welch at kenya.welch@ucmagency.org.