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### **Meadow Brook Hall Receives Proceeds from “Raise the Roof”**

**Rochester, MI, May 29, 2006 ---** The Rochester Junior Woman’s Club held its’ 5<sup>th</sup> annual “Raise the Roof” auction to benefit the restoration of Meadow Brook Hall on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at Meadow Brook Hall. Close to 300 people filled the 88,000 square - foot Tudor style mansion once occupied by Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred Wilson. The event raised approximately \$25,000 for Meadow Brook Hall.

Guests were able to tour Meadow Brook Hall and its’ surrounding grounds. The guests enjoyed coconut chicken, beef tenderloin, smoked turkey, various pastas and salads and many other delights from various food stations set up throughout the home while bidding on over 300 silent auction items.

After the auction, guests moved out to the tent where they enjoyed a dessert and coffee bar and danced to the music of Steve King and the Dittilies.

Proceeds from this year’s event will help with the needed repairs, restoration projects and updates that will be completed to ensure that Matilda and Alfred’s home and this great national treasure will be preserved for generations to come. This particular project is estimated at \$10 million. Last year the RJWC raised \$30,000 to restore the original silk wallpaper in Matilda’s bedroom.

Proceeds from other “Raise the Roof “events have gone to support the Rochester Community House, The Older Persons’ Commission (OPC), Dinosaur Hill, Habitat for Humanity and the PBS children’s program “Get Up and Get Out”.

Deanna Gross, Nancy Kamman and Toni Wiley all of Rochester Hills and Lynn Marie

Oates of Rochester shared the responsibilities of event co-chairs.

Committee co-chairs were Cheryl Danna, Peggy Gamble, Mary Kay LaChance, Margaret Melnick, Jeanette Mixon, Debbie Novotny, Kathy Rewold, Kathy Riashi, Lauren Sitko, Lisa Jung Trudell, Sue Upton, Cindy Wilczynski and Pat Wireman

The Rochester Junior Woman's Club would like to thank all those merchants that so generously supported the event and for all those who attended and made it such a great success!

If you would like to learn more about the club or view pictures from the event, please visit our website at [www/rhpl/rjwc.org/](http://www/rhpl/rjwc.org/)

*MEADOW BROOK HALL is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States, and is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale. Built in the 1920s as the residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband lumber broker Alfred G. Wilson, the 110-room, 88,000 square-foot, Tudor-revival style mansion is complete with vast collections of original art and furnishings.*

*Listed on both the national and state registers of historic places, MEADOW BROOK HALL strives to preserve and interpret its architecture, landscape, and fine and decorative art so that visitors may be entertained, educated and inspired by history.*