

TREND

It's a wrap!

Giving spirit was alive and well in 2013

We've spent the past year reflecting a world of fun parties and beautiful gowns. But the end of the year is a perfect time to reflect upon what it all means.

Trend covered more than 100 events in 2013. Those weekly stories added up to \$23,339,890 raised for various causes from medical research to service groups from education to arts and culture. Of that figure, more than \$5 million—\$5,040,300—stayed right here in our community assisting our neighbors. Groups like the Wellness House, Community Nurse, Aging Care Connections, Pillars, Aspire and many others have all benefitted from the generosity of all of us.

We've also pumped up our fashion coverage this year and covered the latest trends in local boutiques. From how to keep warm stylishly in the winter to how to find a great-fitting swimsuit or stylish workout wear, and thrifty ways to re-purpose items already in your wardrobe, we've brought some options.

The year has seen some big milestones: The Hinsdale Humane Society celebrated its 60th birthday, Oakbrook Center got a complete overhaul and facelift, Pillars hosted a month-long fundraising extravaganza and this year's Goombay Bash brought Bash's total to \$4.5 million, proving that friends getting together for drinks can turn into something mighty lucrative.

We've compiled some photos to wrap up the year. Enjoy the visit back. And be sure to let us know if you are hosting or attending a benefit or fundraiser in 2014. Email lamann@pioneerlocal.com.



INTERESTED IN BEING FEATURED IN TREND IN 2014?

Let us know about your fundraiser or benefit. Email Laura Amann at lamann@pioneerlocal.com.



1. The Hinsdale Humane Society celebrated a 60th birthday in Oct. Sharon Foley and Barbara Parsons, both members of the HHS board of directors, came to celebrate. | SARA CLARKSON/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
2. Tom O'Brien of Oak Brook, sponsor, Dick Ownby of La Grange and Guy Vorsanger of La Grange, sponsor. | LEE A. LITAS/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
3. John Carpenter of LaGrange Park (from left), Katrina Ladyga of Countryside and Kevin Radde of LaGrange Park at Rocktoberfest in Sept. | JEFF KRAGE/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA
4. Stephanie Evans of Clarendon Hills (from left), Ashley Killpack of Clarendon Hills, Katy Lee of Hinsdale and Susie Mullaney of Hinsdale at the Court the Cure fundraiser in Hinsdale in Sept. | PHOTO BY KARIE ANGELL LUC/FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA