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Featuring more than 75 different wines from across the globe, the Wines of the World wine tasting and silent auction held by The Oconee Cellar at Cuscowilla will benefit the Redeemer Episcopal Academy, a local non-profit school focused on rigorous academics in a nurturing environment.

“Wines of the World is going to be a fantastic community event to benefit Redeemer Episcopal Academy. This will be a great opportunity for people in the Lake Oconee area to socialize, enjoy themselves and benefit a wonderful educational institution,” said Dana O’Neil, Redeemer parent and co-chair of the wine tasting. “There are a limited number of tickets, and they are selling quickly.”

Wines of the World is a unique event for several reasons including the extraordinary selection of wines available for tasting.

“Most wine tastings offer six to eight wines. Wines of the World will provide an exceptional opportunity for people to experiment and try new wines from the more than 75 different wines being featured,” said Matt Garofalo, owner of The Oconee Cellar and Redeemer parent. “All the food and wine is covered by the minimal ticket cost so it is a great value for the money.”

Both red and white wines from a wide range of retail price points will be available for tasting from a diverse selection of distributors. Tickets to the event include the wine tasting and food and are \$90 per couple or \$50 for an individual. Tickets can be purchased at The Oconee Cellar, wine and liquor

store located next to Publix or by calling O'Neil at (706) 413-5415.

Cuscowilla is also offering an overnight accommodation special rate for event guests.

With a goal of providing quality, out-of-the-ordinary silent auction items, Redeemer Episcopal Academy parents and supporters have combed their vast network of local and outside connections.

The silent auction will provide distinctive items including a week at their Vero Beach condo donated by Thom and Dara Morgan, a professional photography session with local photographer Jamilyn Fussell, a set of new golf clubs supplied by the Corey Companies and much more.

New Redeemer Episcopal Academy parent Kris Marshall, former commander of Alpha Company, 221st Military Intelligence Battalion deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, donated an American flag flown in the face of the enemy for nine days and 11 hours. According to Marshall, this was done to motivate the Georgia soldiers who were responsible for collecting intelligence from Al Qaeda, the Taliban and others and to honor those who had served before them.

Staci Stringer, of Sundance Outfitters a local retailer offering everything from Kayaks to popular clothing lines, donated a guided kayak trip for four down the Oconee River.

100 percent of the proceeds from the event and silent auction will directly benefit the non-profit Redeemer Episcopal Academy. In its first year, 2008-2009, the school's students scored in the top 2 percent of children in the country on the national ITBS test. The school is founded on faith and is welcoming of all faiths. Financial aid is available for qualified applicants.

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