



# *Cala & Auction*

07.18.2024

6 PM at STONE WATER  
125 NJ-181, Lake Hopatcong, NJ



## By the numbers

**When you support the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's Annual Gala & Auction, you support...**



Environmental initiatives that improve our lake's water quality and community's environment, like a boat shrink wrap recycling program, which diverted **15 tons** of plastic from the landfill.



A Governor's Award-winning education program that educated nearly **2,000 students** this Spring, and a brand new high school program planned for the fall.



Community programs like our annual Lake Hopatcong Block Party, which brings together more than **3,000 people** to celebrate New Jersey's largest lake.



Advocacy for more resources for our lake, like another Lakes Funding Bill, which, if passed, will allocate **\$17M** for New Jersey's public lakes.

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# Program of Events

**6:00 pm**

Dinner & Social

Gourmet Stations and Passed Hors D'oeuvres

\* First Hour Open Bar \*

**7:00 pm**

Welcome by Kyle Richter

Executive Director, Lake Hopatcong Foundation

**8:30 pm**

Dessert & Coffee

**9:00 pm**

Last Chance Silent Auction

Lucky Life Vest Raffle Drawing

**9:30 pm**

Auction Closes

Split-the-Pot Raffle Drawing



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## From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's Annual Gala and Auction! We are thrilled to have each and every one of you here tonight, coming together to support our mission of protecting the environment and enhancing the experience on and around New Jersey's largest lake.



We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support throughout the last 12 years as we work collaboratively to foster a vibrant and healthy Lake Hopatcong. From preserving the beauty of our beloved lake through the implementation of our projects designed to improve water quality, to educating nearly 2,000 students at our award-winning field trip program, creating recreational opportunities around the lake, and countless hours spent advocating for the lake at all levels of government, we thank you. Together, we have worked tirelessly to make Lake Hopatcong the best it can be. Your support has been instrumental in making a positive impact on our lake and to our community! Tonight, as we gather lakeside at Stone Water and immerse ourselves in the spirit of giving, I am overwhelmed by the sense of unity and camaraderie in this room. Each one of you plays a vital role in our mission, and your presence here tonight is a testament to your dedication and belief in our cause.

It is through this spirit of giving that we can continue to make Lake Hopatcong the best it can be, for this and future generations. We would never have been able to achieve the progress we've made over these past twelve years without your help. On behalf of the staff and board of trustees of the Foundation, we say thank you and welcome, again, to this special evening to celebrate our lake, our community, and our future!

Sincerely,



Kyle Richter  
Executive Director  
Lake Hopatcong Foundation

## From Our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continuing support as we celebrate 12 years of working together for the betterment of Lake Hopatcong, truly one of New Jersey's greatest treasures.



As we gather for our annual gala, our organization is working in many areas that will help define the future of New Jersey's largest lake. Projects such as large-scale aeration, expanded sewer systems, and smart dredging continue to progress. In order to foster a better understanding of the challenges lakes face, we met with over three dozen legislators this year to facilitate long-term funding solutions. Just two years ago, shrink wrap from lake boats ended up in landfills. This year, 15 tons of shrink wrap were recycled thanks to a program developed and implemented by our staff. Our education programs continue to grow and will expand to include high school students this fall. We are thrilled to have played a role in the collaboration now occurring between state, county and municipal law enforcement at the lake. We can all take pride in the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's many accomplishments.

Perhaps our most important endeavor is to continue bringing the community together to make Lake Hopatcong a better place. Helen Keller once remarked that "alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." Please join me in saluting Lee Moreau, Beth BaRoss, and Barb Kraus, whose efforts have helped build the Lake Hopatcong Block Party into a marvelous annual event that unites all four local towns. Their dedication has been inspiring and indicative of what we can accomplish collaboratively, and I'm proud to acknowledge their accomplishments on this, their last Block Party planning year.

Thank you to all of our supporters, the many elected officials and law enforcement agencies who are our partners, my fellow board members, our advisory council, our hard-working staff, and our amazing volunteers.

Enjoy our lake!



Marty Kane  
Board Chair  
Lake Hopatcong Foundation

# Fund the Mission!

## Help us continue to educate the next generation of environmental stewards!

For this year's gala and auction, we have identified five critical items needed to sustain and expand our environmental education programs. You can support these important programs by purchasing all or part of these important items!

From our humble beginnings in 2012, we have grown to serve over 2,000 students from 30 schools through our 2024 spring environmental field trips. We also run regular public eco cruises each summer, offering unique opportunities for the public to learn about and explore New Jersey's largest lake. And this fall, we are excited to launch an inaugural high school program, further expanding our educational offerings. To support these initiatives, we need more and new equipment to "keep our boat afloat."

While all money raised through our gala and auction supports our environmental, educational, community, and advocacy programs. "Fund the mission" allows donors to address urgent needs directly. Any funds raised in excess of these needs will be applied where they are needed most. Utilize the QR code below or visit [lhfgala.givesmart.com](http://lhfgala.givesmart.com) to help us fund the mission!

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and other auction items!



### Microscopes

(\$2,200 total for eight microscopes at \$275 each)

Using advanced digital microscopes, visiting students get an up close and personal view of a variety of organisms inhabiting our lake. From plankton like bosmina and ceriodaphnia observed aboard the Floating Classroom, to macroinvertebrates like caddisflies and scuds found in the Musconetcong River, these microscopes are essential for providing students with an intimate experience with our diverse, small-scale world.



### Tablets

(\$1,500 total for eight tablets at \$187.50 each)

Going hand in hand with our microscopes, these are the other necessary tools in showing our students the various macro and micro invertebrates that we find in our local water systems. The microscope might be able to zoom in on them, but the tablet is what displays them in all of their brilliance!



### EnviroScape Watershed Models

(\$2,000 total for one EnviroScape & two carry cases)

A big hit amongst our visiting students and their teachers, the EnviroScape model serves as a way to teach about the distinctions between point source and non-point source pollutants. This interactive 3D model allows students to fictionally pollute, create a rainstorm, and see how their pollution on land washes through the watershed.



### Dissolved Oxygen Meters

(\$1,100 total for 5 meters at \$220 each)

A crucial variable in the health of Lake Hopatcong (and all water bodies) is the amount of dissolved oxygen. With these meters, we can demonstrate to the kids how important it is to monitor this variable and how it impacts our wildlife in the water, from the itty-bitty plankton to the 3 pound bass you catch while fishing.



### Float the Boat

(\$1,250 total for five \$250 fill-ups)

Without fuel, there's no boat ride! Help us provide our enriching and educational experience on the Floating Classroom by supporting our fuel costs throughout the season. It typically costs us \$1,200 for one season of fuel, and while costs of fuel may vary, any money raised in excess of the need will go where needed most.

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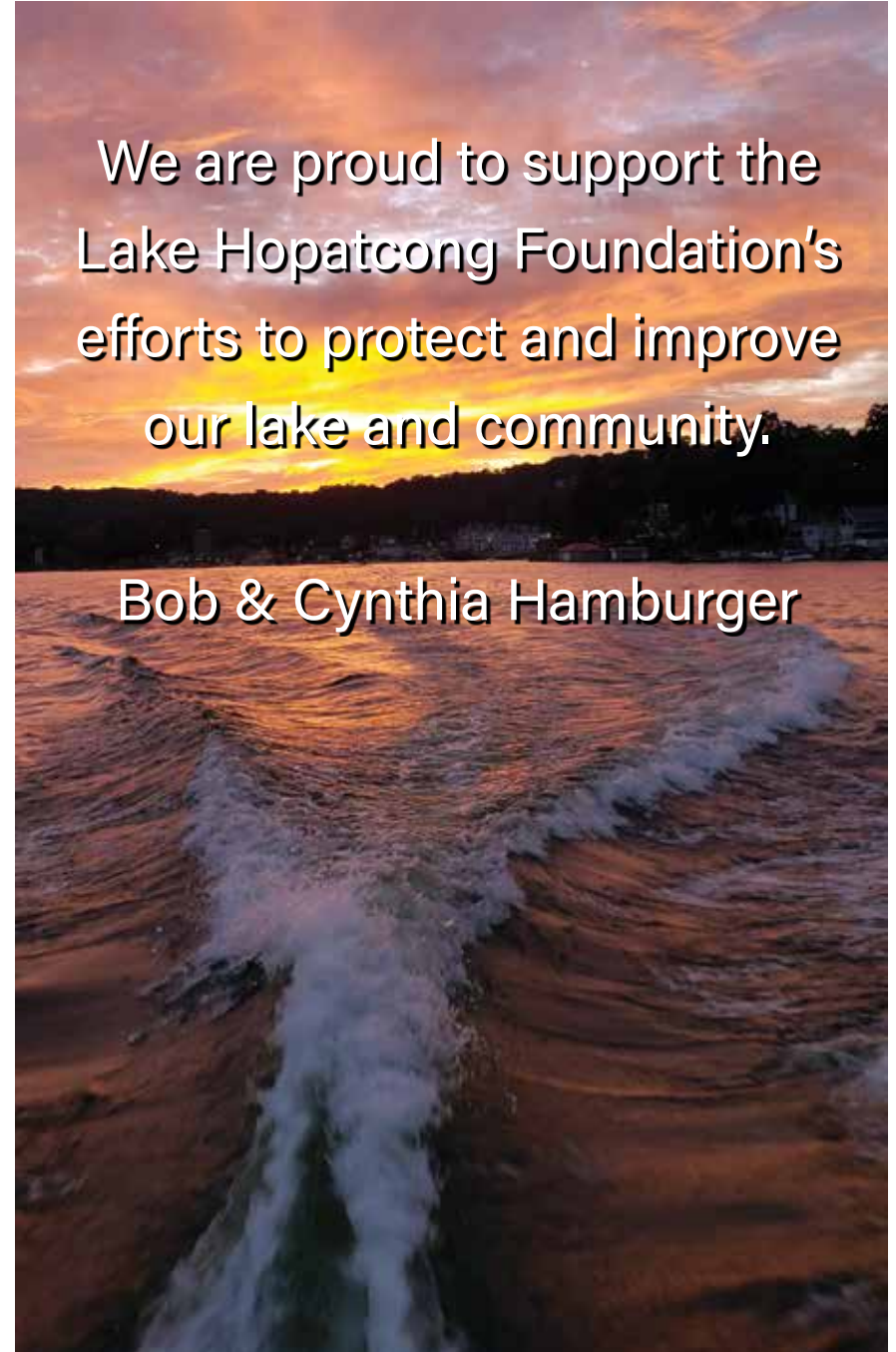
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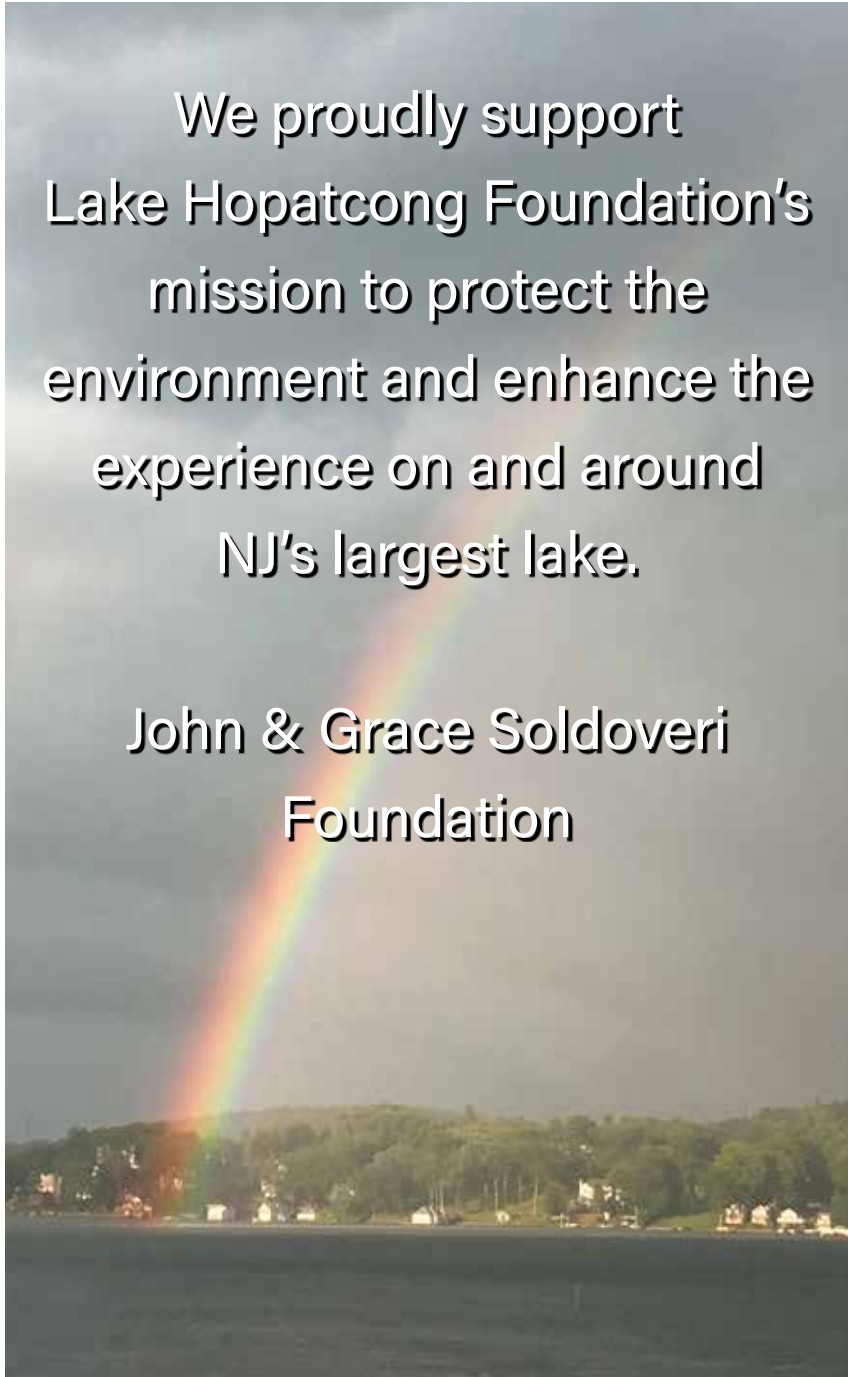


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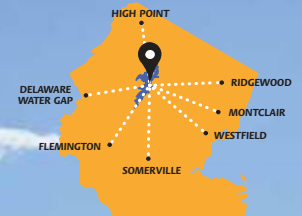
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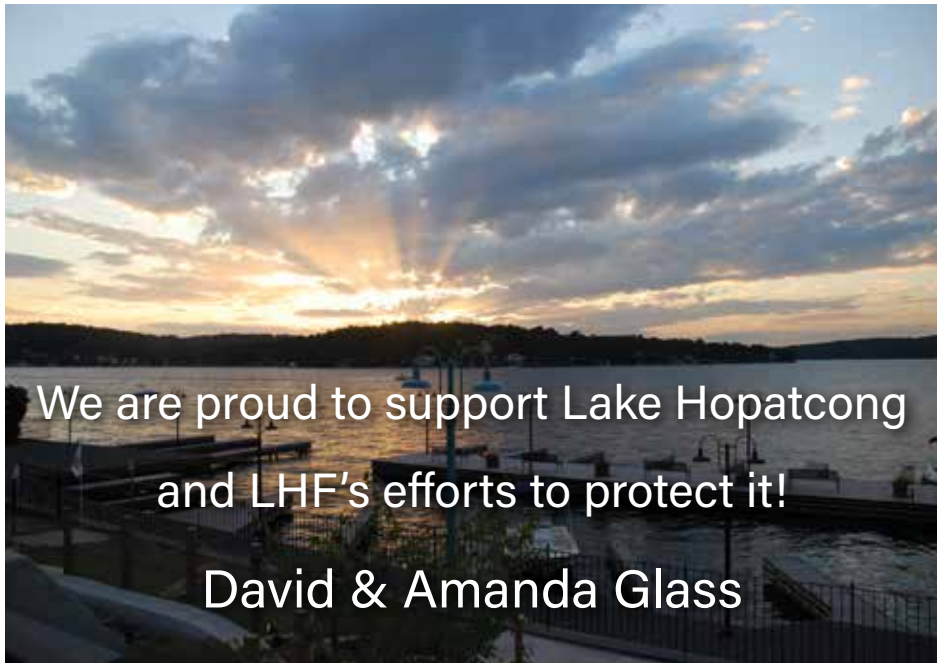
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