

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 19 Feb '18
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If you missed out on our 8th annual 'Getting Down with the Dawgs' Drawdown you really missed out on a super evening of fun, great food and time with friends all to help our shelter. That this brought in well over \$21,000 for our shelter is simply fantastic and we cannot thank everyone enough but will try!

There was plenty of room for everyone at the Wind Creek Wetumpka Entertainment Center and Chef Gary & the Wind Creek staff made sure everyone had a simply great evening and had their fill of yummy food and drink.

This year's "Candy Land" theme was not only a visual feast but one for the taste buds as well all thanks to Chris Sisson & Rita Caswell! Many thanks to Charla Stephenson, Dawn Sullivan, Sandy Faulk & Charline Pope for getting everyone off to a great start at check in, for keeping all the door prizes straight and then for paying out at the end to very happy winners!

Kyle-Co Entertainment provided flawless sound and lighting support and greatly enhanced our event – thank you!

While not everyone can win the BIG money prize, many of our ticket holders left with some pretty nifty door prizes. As some prizes came in late, and so as to not miss anyone, we will thank all of our door prize donors in next week's newsletter.

At the opening of our Drawdown we presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jimmy & Kim Baker since they got us started on our current Drawdown back in 2010 and have been with us every year since! We are so appreciative that they make sure our Drawdown runs with zero problems and their work has resulted in over \$185,000 in event income for our shelter since 2010! We are certainly lucky to have their continuing support!

It was brought to our attention that our Shelter did have a Drawdown once in the early 2000's and it brought in \$16,000 for our shelter. Once we get the names of the individuals who made that happen for our shelter we certainly want to thank them for setting a precedent. We hope our current Drawdown met with their approval and that they had fun Saturday night.

We had a huge crowd up to the very end when the final ten tickets holders all agreed to split the \$10,000 amongst themselves. The final winning ticket numbers were: 63, 64, 77, 114, 140, 206, 261, 266, 171, 285. Congratulations to our winners and we truly hope that everyone who attended had a wonderful evening!

Our Volunteer Drawdown Committee works hard at planning for this event every year so please thank them for their attention to detail and dedication to making the Drawdown such a success. Mark your calendar for 16 Feb '19 and make sure to purchase your tickets early next year to make sure you don't miss out!

Finally, HUGE thanks to everyone who bought tickets and all who came out to enjoy an evening together. We have such a great time seeing so many of our supporters under one roof and our board, staff and the homeless animals we care for thank you ALL so very much!