



# News Release

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## **Silent Auction sponsored by Advantage Payroll Services raises \$7,000 for NMCC Foundation**

**Aroostook County** - A recent silent auction sponsored by Advantage Payroll Services of Presque Isle featuring valuable products and services donated by businesses and organizations throughout Aroostook County has raised over \$7,000 to support the work of the Northern Maine Community College Foundation.

The auction, held during the annual TD Banknorth Golf Tournament at the Aroostook Valley Country Club in Fort Fairfield, was supported by Advantage Payroll Services which has a longstanding history of supporting education in the region.

“As one of many Northern Maine Community College alumni working for Advantage Payroll, I am well aware of the top quality education the College provides its students. The wonderful learning opportunities and training my co-workers and I have received and the career advancement we have realized as a result are evidenced by the longstanding and continued support of the College by Advantage Payroll,” said Heidi Graham, vice president of operations. “We were most pleased to extend that support to the auction held as part of the annual golf tournament. The funds raised through this event help support the activity of the Foundation, which in turn assists students in realizing their dreams of accessing higher education. For all of us at Advantage Payroll, supporting the NMCC Foundation is something in which we take a great deal of pride. It truly is our way of giving back.”

The silent auction included auction items donated by: A&J Florist, Ashland Motor Lodge, Arby's, Aroostook Valley Country Club, Arts Appliance & Furniture, Braden Theater, Celebrities for Charity Foundation, Inc., County Physical Therapy, Country Collectibles, CruiseOne, Denise Sock, FA Peabody, Gary's Furniture & Appliance, Governor's Restaurant, Graves, Griffeth Ford, Hedrich Vending, Husson, Long Lake Sporting Club, Mojo, Mom's Fudge, Morning Star Art & Framing, Movie Gallery, NMCC, Pat's Pizza, Reno's Family Restaurant, Slopes Restaurant, SureWinner Foods, Swamp Buck Restaurant, TD Banknorth, U.S. Cellular, and two anonymous donors.

More than 120 individuals attended the silent auction which was followed by a dinner at AVCC.



*Accepting a \$500 sponsorship from Advantage Payroll Services for the Silent Auction held during the TD Banknorth Golf Tournament to benefit the NMCC Foundation are, from left: Lois Dickson, NMCC Foundation secretary, Richard Engels, NMCC Foundation chair, and Heidi Graham, Advantage Payroll Services vice president of operations.*

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