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Over 270 participants donned their thinking caps for a night of light-hearted trivia competition to benefit the 301 Central Education Foundation. Trivia Schmivia, the Foundation's first annual fundraiser, was a huge success. "We had a near capacity crowd," smiled Tom Knief, Board Chair. "Because of the support of generous sponsors and 27 very lively trivia teams, we reached our fundraising goal of \$10,000!"

The competition was stiff for the 27 teams, but at the end of four rounds of entertaining questions team "Old School" was declared the Trivia Schmivia 2008 Team Champion. Second Place honors went to team "Wise Guise" closely followed by the third place team "Mo' Money." Adding to the night's festivities were prizes awarded for the best team name "The Dumbbells" and best table theme "The Burlington Hillbillies." "We were so impressed to see how creative all the teams were with their team names, costumes, and table decorations. They truly captured what Trivia Schmivia was all about: helping a great cause and having fun doing it!" commented Annamarie Schopen, Event Chair.

The 301 Central Education Foundation has made great strides since its official formation in January 2008. The nonprofit organization awarded 5 grants in 2008 to educators in five schools of Central Community Unit School District 301. The proceeds from Trivia Schmivia will fund educational grants for 2009. "The funds raised through Trivia Schmivia gives us the opportunity to expand our grant offerings in number and in value for 2009," exclaimed Tom Knief. "With the increased awareness of the Foundation and these additional funds, we encourage more District 301 educators to participate in the 2009 grant award program. We want to make sure all seven district schools have at least one grant recipient for the 2009 school year."

For more information about the 301 Central Education Foundation, and Trivia Schmivia, please visit the Foundation's website at www.301foundation.org.

About 301 Central Education Foundation

The 301 Central Education Foundation (Foundation) is a non-profit 501(C)(3) tax-exempt corporation established in January 2008. The Foundation is dedicated to enriching, enhancing and supporting 301 Central Community Unit School District (District). The Foundation operates independently from the District for the sole purpose of promoting excellence in education for the benefit and enrichment of District students.

This year the Foundation allocated five grants totaling \$2,500 to be used to supplement or create programs in five District 301 schools. These grants were made possible by a generous community of donors. It is through this community participation, now and in the future, that will allow the Foundation to continue to **Give to Grow**, and fund programs and projects which supplement the educational opportunities available to students equally throughout District 301.