Chamber Harvest Celebration Sets New Fundraising Record in Penn Yan

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The Finger Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Membership Harvest Celebration on Thursday, Sept. 24, set a new fundraising record for the organization at Climbing Bines Hop Farm & Brewery in Penn Yan.

The event, which launched in 2017, returned to the Penn Yan venue for a second consecutive year. Festivities ran from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and included live music by Brent Bond, a menu catered by Ace Automatics, and a themed photo area. The Harvest Raffle and Silent Auction also returned.

To make the evening accessible for working families, the Chamber offered free admission for children 15 and under. The Kids Corral, supervised by Boys & Girls Club of Geneva staff, featured pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, and toddler playtime. Guests also saw floral arrangements donated by Sinicropi Florist and a tractor display from Champlain Valley Equipment.

Chamber President Miranda Odell said the celebration was "officially our most successful yet, setting a brand-new fundraising record for the Chamber." She added, "From our generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers to the amazing catering team and event venue, we would like to again thank everyone who came together to create something so special." Odell also stated that the event's family-friendly atmosphere reflects the Chamber's approach to connecting regional businesses. "Seeing parents network while their kids can also enjoy themselves in the Kids Corral really captures what the FLX Chamber is all about. We understand that family comes first for our business community, and being able to foster regional connections in a fun, inclusive setting is what sets our Chamber and our events apart," she said.

Promotional Sponsors for the celebration included Community Broadband Networks, Servpro of Victor/Canandaigua, and Cayuga Nation. Community Sponsors were Beginnings Credit Union, Champlain Valley Equipment, Empire Fiber Internet, Geneva on the Lake, JXE Tech, Lyons National Bank, New York Life, Rock Emergency Services, Seneca Lake Terrace, ServU Credit Union, Wadhams Enterprises, Wayne Bank, and Wegmans Geneva.

The Chamber's 2026 Annual Partners, who support programs and events, are Canandaigua National Bank, Casella Waste Systems Inc., Community Broadband Networks, Emerson Commercial Cleaning, ESL Federal Credit Union, Fairfield by Marriott, Finger Lakes Partners Insurance, Four Winds Chimney, Guardian Glass, Halco Home Solutions, HEP Sales & North Main Lumber, Lakeside Roofing & Siding Materials Inc., Massa Construction, N-Hance of the Finger Lakes, Reliant Credit Union, and Waterloo Container. Volunteers who assisted with the event, planning, and fundraising included Event Chair Sabrina Buckley; Noah Bassette; Abby Hansen; Jeff Macharyas; Tina Morehead; Sarah Landreman; Darlene Ryan; Charity McCann; Laura Kennerson; Heather Rolley; Madi Randall; and Stephanie Annear, Stephanie Hessler, and Ryanne Hughs of the Boys & Girls Club of Geneva.

The Membership Harvest Celebration is one of the Chamber's two primary annual fundraisers, alongside the Chamber Cup Golf Tournament held each May. Proceeds support and expand programs and services for member businesses. The Chamber's next event, the November Business After Hours Networking Mixer, is scheduled for Nov. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. at N-Hance of the Finger Lakes. Admission is $10 for members and $20 for non-members. Reservations can be made by emailing info@flxchamber.com.

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