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Conservancy Clambake Raises More Than \$105,000 for Environmental Education

Peninsula, Ohio – Last weekend, 275 people enjoyed an exquisite experience at Clambake, an annual fundraiser for the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. By the end of the evening, guests had given over \$105,000 in net proceeds for scholarships and program support at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC), one of the Conservancy’s programs.

At the start of the crisp fall evening in the national park, guests visited the CVEEC campus to enjoy cocktails, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, New England clam chowder, and live music. As the setting sun lit up the fall colors, guests gathered under a large tent to enjoy a full clam and lobster bake and fall harvest fare.

The evening concluded with the announcement of the 50/50 raffle winner, who generously donated the winnings back to the Conservancy, and the annual live auction, featuring custom park experiences like a campfire dinner at Spice Acres farm in the national park and a private excursion on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

Each year, the CVEEC brings thousands of northeast Ohio youth to the national park to explore and learn about the Cuyahoga River watershed. In partnership with the National Park Service, the center provides year-round outdoor experiences for children, including the academic *All the Rivers Run* program, summer camps, Junior Ranger programs, and more.

Proceeds from Clambake go primarily toward scholarships for youth to attend CVEEC programs even if they can’t afford the cost of attendance. In this way, we can ensure that *all* children have an opportunity to experience Cuyahoga Valley National Park. For more information about the CVEEC and other Conservancy programs, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

About the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a non-profit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its programs, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.