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CROWDER FOUNDATION ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

NEOSHO, MO – The 12th Annual Festival of Wreaths takes place Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in the Elsie Plaster Community Center on the Crowder College Neosho campus. The evening begins with a silent auction at 4:00 p.m. followed by the live auction at 6:30 p.m. Festival of Wreaths serves as Crowder College Foundation’s largest fundraiser for scholarships. The event has grown every year through the sale of wreaths, trees, centerpieces, trips, electronics and more. Last year, more than \$96,000 was raised. Organizers hope to exceed that amount this year.

Hundreds of area businesses and supporters of the college donate items to the auction. This year the auction has several different items including two vehicles: a 2010 Honda Fit from Don Wessel Honda, and a 2009 Ford Mustang convertible rebuilt by Crowder’s own Collision Repair program. Other auction items include: a 60” Samsung TV; Ashley Furniture Home Store dining table and chairs; an antique wash stand and oak mantle; a trip to Cancun; a custom-built playhouse; spa packages; custom-designed holiday décor; a queen-size bed; and a large selection of gift certificates. You may view pictures of the auction items and start bidding on items NOW by visiting bidpal.net/festivalofwreaths2014.

Guests can Christmas shop and help a student attend Crowder all in the same evening. Live auction services are provided by Bob Lasswell and Associates with Jim Jackson, Newton County Commissioner and former KSN News Anchor serving as emcee.

Automated BIDPAL service will be used again this year. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own smart phone to use for bidding. A limited number of devices will be available for those who do not have a smartphone. Pre-registration is encouraged.

For more information about the event or to pre-register, contact the Crowder College Foundation Office at (417)455-5701 or e-mail: foundation@crowder.edu.

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Please contact our Foundation Office at 417-455-5701 or myself if you have additional questions.