

## **FIRST TODEE MISSION GALA ENJOYED BY ALL**

*by Rebecca Hastings*

The first-ever Todee Mission Gala event was held Saturday, August 16, 2008, at Western Presbyterian Church (home of Miriam's kitchen). The focus of the event was a silent auction containing over 85 items from Liberia and many others donated by BHPC families and Todee supporters. Several BHPC members modeled Liberian clothing items which were available for sale, along with other Liberian products. Delicious Liberian food was available for lunch, prepared and served by former Todee students and other members of the Liberian community. And BHPC favorites—the Guestimation Station and the Fish Pond—were also enjoyed by all.

The highlight of the event was the visit of Ambassador Charles Minor, who led attendees in a traditional Liberian dance. The blending of American and African cultures in this dance (which included some smooth moves by Paul Van Son and Dick Szymanski) was a celebration of our shared purpose and the joy everyone experienced on this special day.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and to everyone who volunteered to work and made donations of items for the Silent Auction. Approximately \$5,000 was raised for Todee Mission! The next container is well on its way to being sent to the school, thanks to your generosity!

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