

The Clark County Skills Center Foundation's second annual donor recognition dinner honored Southwest Washington Medical Center's philanthropy and five volunteers who serve on Skills Center advisory boards.

The Medical Center has been a dedicated supporter over the years, and recently contributed \$14,500. Additionally, they donate vital medical and hospital equipment items and recruit many Applied Medical Sciences and Legal-Medical program graduates.

Medical Center professionals who volunteer at the Skills Center are: **Rich Gibler**, Director of Education Services, who is past Chair, Skills Center General Advisory Council, and has served on the Council since 1995.

**Breda Yeates**, senior recruiter, and **Doug Williams**, career development specialist, Human Resources Department, serve on the Legal-Medical Program's advisory committee.

**Kelly-Marie Wehl**, Clinical Manager, Emergency Room, and **Gail Helland**, Health Educator for Cancer Support Services, serve on the Applied Medical Sciences Advisory Program.

Two gifts to announce: Mary and Robert Hyde have made a recent trip possible for five culinary students to attend the Western Conference of the American Culinary Federation in Sacramento, California. Their \$7200 gift paid for registration fees, hotel, daily expenses, airline fares, and other costs of this event. This was a first time event for Skills Center students—and they were the only high school students participating. Out of 640 points they came in with 620 and 600 in the competitions.

Emily LaPlante has established a \$2000 scholarship in memory of Clay LaPlante for a culinary student for continuing education. Their grand daughter Melissa Bailey graduated in 1998 from the program.