

Press Release

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### **Benefit Auction for capeAbilities Farm Raises Over \$ 58,000**

The Naked Oyster Bistro & Raw Bar in Hyannis hosted an auction of local chefs and restaurants on Monday, August 20, 2007 to benefit capeAbilities Farm. The auction raised over \$ 58,000. The money will be used to build a new greenhouse at capeAbilities Farm in Dennis. More than 70 people attended the event.

Jim Knieriem, Assistant Farm Manager at capeAbilities, helped organize the auction in memory of his daughter, Paige Rae, who died in 1997. Knieriem served as auctioneer.

The donated items and services were solicited by Chef David Kelley of The Naked Oyster along with Jim Knieriem.

The event was hosted by The Naked Oyster owners Florence and Dr. David Lowell, along with Chef David Kelley.

capeAbilities Farm is part of capeAbilities, a non-profit organization that provides jobs, homes and therapeutic services for Cape Codders with disabilities. capeAbilities Farm is located on Route 6A in Dennis. More than 30 people with disabilities are employed in all aspects of farm management.

The auction included dinners in private homes prepared by Chefs Joe Dunn and Mark Minahan of Island Merchant, Chef Mike Crowell of Embargo, Chef Mike Garrett of Captain's Table and Chef David Kelley of The Naked Oyster.

Restaurant dinners were also donated by the owners of: Island Merchant, The Naked Oyster, Embargo, Optimist Café, Regatta of Cotuit, The Paddock Restaurant, Casi Di Babbo Grille, Barolo Ristorante, and Abbicci.

Gift certificates were donated by Trevi 25 Market, 902 Main, Bleu, Barnstable Tavern, Mattakeese Wharf, Road House Café. Raffle items were donated by The Wine List, Solstice, Orleans Wine, Hyannis Yacht Club and The Pampered Mermaid.

capeAbilities was founded as Nauset Workshop in Orleans in 1968. capeAbilities now serves people with disabilities from Bourne to Provincetown. For more information and additional photos from the auction visit [www.capeabilities.org](http://www.capeabilities.org) .

