

The Black Hawk College Quad-Cities Foundation's first-ever Telling Our Stories Gala on Nov. 17 raised more than \$12,000.

The [BHC QC Foundation](#) partnered with the BHC Veterans Resource Center and USO of Illinois for the event. Foundation executive director Maureen Dickinson recently presented checks to these organizations.

The [BHC Veterans Resource Center](#) - represented by Marceia Duhm, coordinator of career and veterans services - received \$478 that will support veterans and military students at Black Hawk College.

[USO of Illinois](#) - represented by Jackie Inman, Rock Island Center director - received \$2,000 that will support local military families with programs and resources at the center.

The foundation's share of the proceeds benefited the Black Hawk Excellence Fund, a newly created fund eligible for a 50% match from [The Moline Foundation](#) through the Community Endowment Challenge.

More than 150 people attended the 1940s-themed gala.

The foundation's board hopes to build upon this event next year, selecting different community partners and BHC programs as collaborators each year.

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