

Humane Society of Elmore County News – 23 Feb ‘15
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Tremendous, wonderful, outstanding, fantastic – all of these apply to our Getting Down with the Dawgs Drawdown this past Saturday and if you missed out, you REALLY missed out! There is no doubt that the Wind Creek Entertainment Center was a simply spectacular venue for our event as evidenced by all the positive comments we heard throughout the evening. Yes, there was a slight hiccup getting the food and refreshments started on schedule, but that was quickly remedied by a wonderful staff and once everyone dove into the yummy food, all was on track. We started our evening with a presentation of \$12,000 from PrimeSouth Bank President Jimmy Monk and his staff which was the culmination of months of their hard work on behalf of our shelter! We were thrilled that our audience was able to help us thank this awesome group of people and we are truly humbled by their faith in our work and their incredible support.

We had another surprise in store for the crowd – our local American Idol star, [Jessica Meuse](#), not only joined us for a meet & greet, but she opened our event by singing not only a few songs we all already knew we loved, but she premiered a brand new song to rave reviews! Jess and her family have been wonderful supporters of our shelter for many years and we so appreciate that she lent her time and her talent to help us kick off our evening with a bang!

[Powersounds USA](#) and [DJ Ziggy](#) made our evening an ‘event’ to be sure with awesome music and a nifty laser light show and we greatly appreciate Ziggy’s support to our shelter. All our thanks to Rita and Chris for all the fun and gorgeous table decorations – such talent! Jennifer made a lot of prize winners happy and we so appreciate all the individuals and businesses who donated gift certificates, baskets and prizes to spice up our event! We so appreciate Dawn & Patti for getting everyone checked in at the front, validating the finalists as it got down to the last ten and paying out those coveted checks to the winners! Of course all of our Board Members deserve high-fives as they work incredibly hard to ensure the success of all of our events and are truly dedicated to the future of our Shelter.

There are two people we truly want to single out to thank – Jimmy & Kim Baker! That we even have a Drawdown event is because Kim & Jimmy came to us with this idea many years ago and have made sure that it runs smoothly every year and that everyone leaves happy. We are lucky to have them in our shelter family!

So after a great evening of super music, delicious food and lots of fun it got down to TEN finalists! That wonderful group took almost no time in deciding to split the \$10,000 amongst themselves and the ten happy winners were: Murray Lewis and Wendy Blackmon (split their ticket), Ronnie Bozeman Sr., Donna Rogers, Davis Seal Jr., Jennifer Sweatman, Linda Hensley, Farley Illamo, Jodi Turner, Rescue K911, and Martha Parchinsky.

And while this was an awesomely fun evening, this was also a fund-raising event for our non-profit shelter. Since all 300 tickets were sold our 5th Annual Getting Down with the Dawgs Drawdown brought in \$20,000 for our shelter! That is absolutely inspiring to all of us who work in and on behalf of the shelter as it shows how many people not only love animals but have faith that we do all we can each and every day for the animals that need us. On behalf of our board, our staff and the homeless and unwanted animals we care for, thank you ALL so very much!