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# Appraisal fair is foundation fundraiser

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More than 100 people stopped by Allegro recently to participate in the Appraisal Fair and Auction. Some brought heirloom jewelry, others brought artwork, statues or other collectibles.

Dubbed “Appraise It For You - Auction It For Breast Cancer,” the event raised more than \$2,500 for the Joanne Arnett Tutschek Fund, which provides breast cancer diagnostic testing grants to patients who need them. The fund is administered through Flagler Health Care Foundation.

“I was so happy to hear that we had raised so much for this cause,” said Kristen White, sales and marketing director for Allegro. “We are committed to supporting organizations that help members of the local community, and this fund does exactly that.”

Appraisers with Great Expectations Auction Company, LLC were on site to examine various treasures presented by the public. For a small donation per item, participants were given verbal appraisals to help determine if further research and a more in-depth appraisal would be worthwhile.

“The event was a wonderful success,” said Jena Baker, proprietress of Great Expectations. “People seemed very happy and they genuinely enjoyed themselves.”

Gloria and John Ney were certainly among the lucky ones. They brought in an oil painting that had been handed down to them from John’s mother. Since it didn’t really blend with the Neys’ home decor, the painting had been stored in a box under their bed for more than 10 years. Upon review, Jena Baker determined that it was an original oil painting by French artist Jean Albert,

dating back to the 1850s, and that it had the potential to be quite valuable given its age and condition. “We had been looking at that cardboard box for so long, wondering what to do with it,” John Ney said. “Who would have guessed?”

The Neys’ painting was sold at an international auction on Oct. 28.

Through philanthropic efforts and community outreach, the Flagler Health Care Foundation’s mission is to financially support Flagler Hospital’s goal of providing the best patient experience with the best staff and the best equipment. For information on how you can make a difference, call 819-4625 or email [giving@flaglerhospital.org](mailto:giving@flaglerhospital.org).