

## **A Learning Renaissance**

With the establishment of the Academic Opportunity and Enhancement Fund in 2009, LEAF began an annual fundraiser to help build the Academic Fund Endowment.

In the fall of 2010, the first Academic Fund event, *Food for Thought*, was held at Tech High School. The event, which focused on food-tasting and children's literature, netted \$5,699. The funds were split between the new PAKRAT Program and the LEAF Academic Fund.

In 2011, the venue and focus of the event was change. The new venue became the Café Renaissance in Waite Park and the title became *A Learning Renaissance*. In 2011, a net of \$14,672 was raised for the Academic Endowed Fund.

In 2012, a Fund-A-Need component was added. The event raised \$13,005 for the Academic Endowment Fund and, because of a generous matching grant from an anonymous donor, another \$13,740 for direct grants through the Fund-A-Need part of the event.