



## Shakin' Things Up

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The highly anticipated annual Shakin' Things Up martini tasting fundraiser benefiting the YWCA didn't disappoint the 180 guests on March 8. The glowing Ridnour Room in the Apothecary Building set the stage, as guests enjoyed signature martinis mixed by bartenders from five of Lincoln's hot spots.

Guests enjoyed vibrant and creative ice-cold martinis at this fifth annual event featuring vodka donated by SKYY. Drinks included:

- Peaches & Cream from Doc's;
- Banana Nut Road from Red 9;
- The I Love Lucy from Starlite Lounge;
- Maple Bacon Sunday from CAVO; and
- East of Eden from Zen's Lounge.

Guests voted on the winning martini, and CAVO's bartenders took home the trophy. Their Maple Bacon Sunday martini featured SKYY vodka, bacon vodka, Patron XO and White Chocolate Godiva liqueur. Inspired by the salty and sweet staples of Sunday morning breakfast, the drink was drizzled with maple syrup and garnished with a sweet bacon skewer.

"For five years, the YWCA has enjoyed the community's support through this fun event," said Denise Scholl-Serrett, the YWCA's executive director. "We are thankful for the support of community businesses and guests who help us celebrate as they support the YWCA's impact on Lincoln's women of all ages."

The event brought in \$6,500 and served as a way to engage more of the Lincoln community in the mission of the YWCA to eliminate racism and empower women.

Guests enjoyed appetizers from The Parthenon and treats from Le Bonne Femme.

Photography Design Studio captured the event. The Lincoln Journal Star, Strictly Business and PLAY Creative provided media support, while Meier's Cork & Bottle provided additional assistance.

The YWCA mission - eliminating racism and empowering women - translates into a vision of opportunities for growth, leadership and power for women, girls and families. The YWCA of Lincoln provides programs and services including leadership development for young women and expanded success-skill training for women of all ages. For more information, call 402-434-3494 or visit [www.ywcalincoln.org](http://www.ywcalincoln.org).