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+Proud that we had our biggest fundraiser to date in April 2023. FOTR brought back to his hometown – Perry Williams (D'Andrea) for a SOLD OUT 'Perry Sings Sinatra' evening performance at the Historic Ritz Theatre. Prior to this performance, we sponsored a SOLD OUT Dinner Show at The Venue at the Star Theatre.

These 2 OUTSTANDING events brought in over $10,000 in profit for Friends of the Ritz!

+Opened a CD at First Citizens Bank in the amount of $5000 (a portion of the Perry Williams (D'Andrea) proceeds) to donate to the City towards the new Ritz expansion and new concession area.

+Purchased – in partnership with the City of Toccoa – a previously owned piano to replace an older one at the Ritz.

+Purchased and donated to Tami Mayhugh – Ritz Manager – a new 'Ritz' sign to hang on state at Ritz.

+Purchased a hot dog/warmer oven for FOTR to use for future fundraisers at the Ritz.

+FOTR bank balance as of December 31, 2023: $11,498.53 (not including CD)

+Held 4 Board of Directors meetings in 2023: January 24, May 2, July 25 and November 14.

+Conducted the Annual Membership Meeting and 2023 Board of Directors elections on January 24.

+President-Elect Karon Miller attended the Georgia Presenters Meeting held in Atlanta at the Fox Theatre in October.

+Conducted numerous 'PopUp Sales Events' in Ionosphere Travel in Downtown Toccoa promoting upcoming events and selling tickets to various Ritz events.

+Manned a FOTR table during Saturday evening Ida Cox Concerts in Downtown Toccoa during the summer.

+Amended By-Laws to reflect revised membership dates.

+Partnered with City of Toccoa to sponsor several Ritz shows and split proft including Katie Deal ($777.54), Karon Mills ($1588), Beach Boys (1373.50), Artrageous(Undetermined) and Joe Gransden($450).

+Participated in 'Festival of Trees' during Christmas period in Downtown Toccoa.

+FOTR assisted Tami Mayhugh – Ritz Manager – redecorating the promotional window City uses in Cornerstone Antique Mall.

+FOTR volunteers assisted Tami Mayhugh with numerous , movies and other scheduled shows, rentals and City/FOTR shows.

+2024 GOALS+

Get more Board members and volunteers on committees & projects.

Increase new membership/renewals.

Work on Programming and schedule performances.