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Gabriel Barbier-Mueller, founder and CEO, Harwood International; Ann Barbier-Mueller; Ashley Akin of Dave Perry-Miller & Associates

Companies Host Holiday Festivities

Silent auction and tree lighting were part of the evening

Harwood International and Reading & Radio Resource partnered to host the second annual "Holiday in Harwood" tree lighting ceremony and the first annual "Festival of Trees" at Marie Gabrielle Restaurant and Gardens. The festivities included the lighting of the tallest tree in Uptown and the Festival of Trees silent auction, at which the public was invited to view decorated trees and bid on their favorite tree. All proceeds from the auction benefited Reading & Radio Resource.



Spence Sowa, vice president, development, Harwood International; David Roehm, executive vice president, Harwood International; Austin Conway, assistant project manager, Harwood International

The Harwood tree, which towers more than 80 feet high with 9,210 lights and 3,676 ornaments, is the centerpiece of the Marie Gabrielle Gardens, a 1.5-acre

European garden within Harwood District. The tree has 1,838 branches, 18 miles of wiring and garland, and weighs more than 28,000 pounds.