



Sr. Maureen Doyle, OSU, Barbara Durkin, Fr. Bill Murphy, S.J. (*Shining Stars*)



Stephen and Patti Allen with Kaki and David O'Neill (*Shining Stars*)



Sandy, Tom and Kathleen Sullivan (*Shining Stars*)



Gary Stevens and Sandy Stark with Laura and Marty Uhle (*Shining Stars*)



Sue Friedl, Carl Ertle and Carol Rini (*Shining Stars*)



Maureen Leigh, John Gill and Shannon Monroe (*Shining Stars*)



Amy McElwain, Lisa-Jean Sylvia and Mary Green (*Shining Stars*)

## Urban Community School "Shining Stars"

When Urban Community School selected a theme for its fundraiser this year, it considered its greatest asset — its students. From that came the event's name, Shining Stars. As guests entered the beautiful and immaculately clean building, they were offered tours by the older students. Patrons visited classrooms for eight grades plus kindergarten, as well as the library and multi-use spaces.

School Director, Sr. Maureen Doyle, knew most of the 300-plus guests and seemed to be in constant motion. The large gymnasium was

transformed into an elegant dining facility, with silent auction items, lit by spotlights, lining the walls.

The school's "shining stars" are its graduates. About 1,400 of them were noted in personalized stars hanging from the ceiling in the school's main hallway. Other "shining stars" of the evening were the honorees. David O'Neill, Sr. has been a trustee since 1989 and currently is a committee member of the It's About Kids Capital Campaign. Thomas Sullivan also has been involved since 1989 and is co-chair of the

current capital campaign.

Urban Community School has been a mainstay in its West side Cleveland neighborhood, and committed further to the city by building its new facility right on Lorain Avenue.

Before dinner, children from the school sang while their parents looked on proudly from balcony perches. The social hour and dinner for Shining Stars were catered by Light Bistro that provided a menu not seen before by the world of benefits. STORY BY ART THOMAS/ PHOTOGRAPHS BY ROB WETZLER