

Vocational Guidance Services "Fiesta on 55th"

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Small space, but big, big fun ... that was the story for VGS' annual "Fiesta on 55th." The organization that provides resources, services and support for people with physical and mental disadvantages opened its offices on East 55th Street for one wild fundraiser.

If they are any more successful, they're going to have to rent out the Q! More than 300 people crowded into the first-floor area for the silent auction and to place bids on the "Big Board" of special experiences priced in the hundreds of dollars.

But the stars of the show were the 12 teams vying for the trophy for "Best Bartenders."

Every half hour, two new teams stepped up to the bar to serve specialty drinks and raise the most money in their tip jars. "Schticks" ranged from everyday work clothes to sports team T-shirts and Jello shots to margaritas. The most colorful groups were among the last: a "Village People" team and four "Evil Knievals," costumed right down to the daredevil's signature helmet and cape. Penske Automotive Group sponsored the "Raise the Bar" challenge and named each team for one of its area

businesses. The big winner: Team Audi Willoughby.

But the real winner was the Sunbeam Board of the Vocational Guidance Services, which saw its \$120,000 goal met and surpassed. STORY BY LINDA McMULLEN/PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOHN BASHIAN



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