



Measuring the Moment:

Around the World – A Taste of Italy Impact Report

This year's *Around the World* event returned proudly featuring Italian-inspired food and wine and bringing the refined flavors of the region to Grand Rapids' summer celebration. Attendees gathered to celebrate summer and experience the wonders of la dolce vita, enjoying live entertainment and joyful company, all in support of Van Andel Institute for Education.

By supporting VAI Education, you help transform education through innovative student programs, teacher professional development and instructional tools that bring inquiry-based learning to life.

This celebrated event was only possible thanks to the generosity of our incredible supporters, who helped by:



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\$55k
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THIS EVENT WELCOMED **207** ATTENDEES, all gathering in support of VAI Education, and generously helping expand educators' access to innovative, classroom-tested learning resources that empower teachers to ignite curiosity, foster lifelong learning and inspire the next generation of scientific thinkers.



Your passion, generosity and belief in VAI's mission makes a lasting impact.
Thank you for supporting *Around the World – A Taste of Italy*.