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Nearly 30 businesses came together Sunday, June 7, to connect with local residents and show off their wares and services during the third annual Millington Downtown Day celebration.

The free event provided games and activities, including inflatable diversions, spin art, skee ball, a dunk tank and a trackless train ride, to refreshments for all ages, including hot dogs, snow cones, cotton candy and more, said Long Hill Chamber of Commerce President Mary Mayer. The event also featured local vendors and crafters and demonstrations of various activities, including Soo Bank Do Karate & Wellness, CKO Kickboxing of Gillette, Wharton School of Music of Berkeley Heights, and Take Flight Dance Studio and Top Flight Gymnastics, both of Millington.

In addition to Elite Sponsors Millington Savings Bank, Investors Bank, The Echoes-Sentinel, ShopRite, and Overlook Medical Center, more than 20 businesses also paid sponsorship money to provide amusements at the event, she said.

"The weather was perfect, we had over 1000 people there. What more can you say? Everybody was happy," Mayer said.

The suggested admission to the event was a monetary or non-perishable food item for St. Vincent's food pantry. Despite the large crowd, Mayer expressed disappointment that only \$350 in donations and about 300 items - some of which was expired and had to be discarded - were collected. The chamber had hoped to be able to provide a more sizable contribution to the food bank, she said.

Event committee members included Mayer, who owns Mary's Your Name Here Embroidery, Dawn Kougias of Millington Station Cafe; Michelle Cavett of Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness; Linda Tribuna of TMC Boutique in Stirling; Zo Jabbar of Millington Saving Bank; and webmaster Dennis Sandow.

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Millington Downtown Day 2015 Siggi Orabie and daughter Dania, 8, of Millington, receive a cone of cotton candy.