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LOCAL CELEBRITIES RAISED OVER \$18,000 FOR KID'S ART EDUCATION! FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Destin, Florida – September 25, 2014 - Local celebrity services rallied together this week at Bonefish Grill to bring awareness for arts education and raised over \$18,000 to fund the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's All Kinds of Art, an educational outreach program serving students and special needs children in Okaloosa and Walton counties.

Hosted by Phillip LoRussa of Bonefish Grill, celebrity servers dressed in full costume as their favorite childhood characters to compete for the best dressed and most earned tips and ticket sales. Rhonda Murray (Emerald Coast Magazine) was crowned the Top Celebrity Server raising the most money dressed as Strawberry Shortcake and Greg Kisela (City of Destin) was voted by his peers for the Best Costume as the Mad Hatter. Other local celebrities were Robin Cannon (Artist, 2014 Festival of the Arts Poster Winner), Ronda Davenport (United Way), Dr. Jennifer Esses (Women & Children First), Nathanael Fisher (Emerald Coast Theatre Company), Nancy Grisgby (Fresenius Medical Care), Leah McGill (Teacher, Destin Middle School), Robert McGill (McGill Title & Escrow), Peter Mohylsky (Destin Exclusive Real Estate), Wanda Peterson (MKAF Volunteer), Paul Schreiner (MKAF Board of Director), Kathleen Schumacher (Artist, Kathleen Schumacher Fine Art) and Dr. Alexis Tibbetts (Walton County School District).

Event proceeds will benefit All Kinds of Art to bring art enrichment programs to children. MKAF CEO, Marcia Hull, stated, "We applaud the celebrity servers and attendees who generously contributed to our education mission. All Kinds of Art serves children in Okaloosa and Walton counties, including our new partnerships with Emerald Coast Autism Center and United Way agencies that reach low income and at risk students where we can make the greatest impact with cultural experiences."

Since 1995, *All Kinds of Art* has inspired over 260,000 students in 57 schools across Okaloosa and Walton Counties through cultural education programs where art curriculum is severely limited. Become a "Friend of AKA" today by contacting the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation at (850) 650-2226 or donating directly online at www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation is a not-for-profit charitable organization founded on the beliefs of the late Destin Matriarch, Mattie Kelly, with a mission to be a champion for cultural arts and education in Northwest Florida.