



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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LOCAL 'CELEBRITIES' RAISE MORE THAN \$8,000 FOR MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION'S ART EDUCATION OUTREACH EFFORTS

Destin, Florida – August 24, 2017 – Local community leaders rallied together dressed as celebrity servers representing the arts and entertainment industry to raise awareness and more than \$8,000 for Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's (MKAF) community outreach program.

Since it formed in 1995, MKAF has empowered over 304,000 people in 70 schools and United Way agencies, and serving military and veteran warriors through carefully curated arts education programs throughout Okaloosa and Walton counties.

MKAF education director, Melanie Moore stated, "MKAF Community Outreach seeks to make the arts accessible to artists of all abilities in Okaloosa and Walton Counties — including K-12 students, children and adults with special needs, at-risk youth, and warriors suffering from visible and invisible injuries. We are proud to impact more than 10,000 individuals a year. This fundraising event brings awareness to MKAF's outreach and the necessary funding to present thoughtfully curated programs to serve the unique needs of these special populations at no cost to the recipients."

Hosted by Lynnmari Dunn of Bonefish Grill, celebrity servers dressed in full costume as their favorite film star, super hero or musicians to compete for the best dressed and most earned tips and ticket sales. Dion Moniz (Harrison Sale McCloy/Emerald Coast Title Services) and Mindy Moniz (Premier Property Group) were named Top Celebrity Servers as Maverick & Charlie from "Top Gun" raising the most funds; Leslie Sullivan & Jacqui Luberto (Century 21/Blue Marlin Realty) were voted among the patrons and fellow servers for Best Costume as Thelma & Louise; Brian & Jessi Beauchamp (Beauchamp Commercial) dressed as Danny & Sandy from "Grease;" Lisa K and Chris Kellogg (Coast 93.3 Morning Show) appeared as Wonder Woman & Spiderman, Caroline Majure & Ron Todd (Deja' Vu Band) dressed as Sonny & Cher; Tracy Wood (NextHome Cornerstone Realty) and Alan Wood (CCB Community Bank) came as Dorothy and Scarecrow from "The Wizard of Oz."

For more information on MKAF events and programs; or to learn more about becoming an MKAF member, business sponsor or exploring volunteer opportunities, visit

mattiekellyartsfoundation.org or call (850) 650-2226.

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Caption Information:

In the People's Choice for Best Costume:

Thelma/Louise 2017-1 (L to R) Century 21 Blue Marlin Realty's Leslie Sullivan and Jacqui Luberto

In the Thelma/Louise 2017-3 photo (L to R) Century 21 Blue Marlin Realty's Jacqui Luberto on and Leslie Sullivan

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ABOUT MATTIE KELLY ARTS FOUNDATION

Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAFF), a 501-c-3 not-for-profit charitable arts organization, was founded on the cultural, educational and spiritual beliefs of the late Destin matriarch, Mattie Kelly. MKAFF's mission is Northwest Florida's champion of cultural arts and arts education for all. Since it formed in 1995, its art outreach programs have reached and inspired more than 304,000 children in more than 70 schools, United Way agencies, and veteran and military organizations. Quality music, theater and visual arts programs are thoughtfully curated to serve the unique needs of these special populations.

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