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GOLDEN GALA XXXII – STARRING JOHN LEGEND – PHOTO GALLERY

TOP LEFT: Laurie and Kelly Dozier, Golden Gala Co-Chairs. TOP MIDDLE: John Legend proudly wears the “Key to the City of Tallahassee” presented to him by Mayor Andrew Gillum and First Lady R. Jai Gillum accompanied by Audra Pittman and Darryl Jones. TOP RIGHT: Ray Solomon, Golden Gala Vice Chair, and Mary Solomon, Mary Carroll and Rick Carroll, TMH Foundation Chair, Randy Guemple, TMH Foundation Immediate Past Chair, and Martha Guemple.

Sans captions to accommodate broader photographic coverage — each of the individuals pictured is a loyal supporter of TMH.
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As Golden Gala celebrates its 32nd Anniversary, please join us in reflecting on what its remarkable history represents in terms of benefit to the TMH service area – the patients, their families and the region at large. You – the TMH Community of Donors – are responsible for Golden Gala’s continued success and it is to YOU that we extend our profound and enduring gratitude as Tallahassee Memorial moves forward in “Leading Our Community to be the Healthiest in the Nation.”

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The Annual Crawfish Festival, hosted and organized by 101 Restaurant and the Society Foundation, celebrated its 22nd year on April 25. Proceeds from the event were designated for the Tallahassee Police Department’s Unity Tour and the Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH) Foundation for the acquisition of an additional Giraffe OmniBed for the Tallahassee Memorial Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

The event raised $10,000 toward the $47,000 Giraffe OmniBed that is ideally suited to the care of micro-preemies and extremely low-birth weight babies. “It can be used as an open table warmer when the infant needs maximum accessibility, and can be converted into an incubator/isolette at the touch of a button,” said Linda Frimmel, Nurse Manager of the NICU. The TMH Foundation will continue its initiative to raise the remaining $37,000.

The Crawfish Festival featured musicians performing on stage including the RAE Band, Tobacco Road and King Cotton. In addition to 5,000 pounds of fresh crawfish, the family-friendly event had a kid's zone with a bouncy house and face painting. There was also a traditional New Orleans style Zydeco Band that performed in the green space on Kleman Plaza.

On the main stage during the festival and highlighting the program were powerful presentations from TMH Neonatologist Steven Morse, M.D. and several families with their babies who were cared for by the TMH NICU. Mayor Andrew Gillum held their twins, Caroline and Jackson, on the main stage while his wife and Tallahassee First Lady R. Jai Gillum presented a moving testimonial about their experience in the TMH NICU.

Mrs. Gillum added, “Andrew and I were thrilled to share our story about our precious twins, Caroline and Jackson, and report about how pleased we were with the TMH NICU’s services and staff. I would encourage anyone who wants to help the NICU babies and their families to please consider a donation to the TMH Foundation for this project.”

Former member of the Florida House of Representatives and proud mom, Loranne Ausley, and Bill Hollimon, equally proud father, spoke passionately about their family's experience in the NICU with son, Will, now 12 years old and a talented musician, as evidenced by the cheers from the crowd on the plaza as Will gave an amazing drum performance with the King Cotton band.

Other families sharing their NICU stories included; Katie Williams and her son, Braden, Nolah Shotwell with her daughter Noa Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Navarro and their daughter Maria, age 5 who asked to speak into the microphone at the end of her parents’ testimonial and announced, “Please give to TMH!”

Owner of 101 Restaurant, Adam Corey concluded, “It was a wonderful experience to partner with the TMH Foundation and, through the Crawfish Festival, to provide support for the smallest and most fragile patients at TMH served by the NICU.” The gift check was presented to the TMH Foundation at the June 17 City Commission meeting.

To make a secure credit card donation to benefit the NICU, please visit www.tmh.org/foundation and click on DONATE NOW, and enter NICU Giraffe OmniBed as the gift designation. If you require further information, please contact Judi Wills at either judi.wills@tmh.org or 850-431-5904.
Tim Broeseker, M.D., Hematologist/Oncologist and Philip Sharp, M.D., Radiation Oncologist, were recognized by the Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Foundation and the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center for their outstanding work, dedication, passion for oncology care, and philanthropic support.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Karen Broeseker, Tim Broeseker, M.D., TMH Physician Partners Cancer and Hematology Specialists, Philip Sharp, M.D., TMH Physician Partners Radiation Oncology Specialists, and Janet Borneman, Director of Planned Giving, TMH Foundation.

Protocols for Philanthropy will return in the September/October issue of Tallahassee Magazine.
Many of us know Mays-Munroe Appliance and Sleep Center as the epitome of what a locally owned and operated business should be – quality items, backed by sincere and friendly customer service, and smiles that are genuine from the family and team who believe in what they do. On May 7, 2015, the Mays-Munroe showroom was transformed to create a festive setting for the second “Have a Heart” Celebration in memory of Ray Munroe, Jr.

Since Ray, Jr.’s passing away in 2012, the Munroe family and the Mays-Munroe team of colleagues have demonstrated their love for this community by raising over $65,000 to benefit the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center and the people it serves. Peggy Munroe, Ray’s mother, said, “Losing a child is indescribable. It is our hope that our loss will provide hope to others through this event. My family has been comforted and found healing knowing that the funds raised will lead to saving lives and spare other families what we have suffered.” “That spirit of serving the community – whether in business, health or celebration of life – is the hallmark of the Munroe family and the Mays-Munroe team,” said Paula Fortunas, President and CEO of the TMH Foundation.

The “Have a Heart” celebration included a welcoming array of delicious food and beverages, live and silent auctions, a raffle and music — all to raise funds for the TMH Foundation’s Ray Munroe, Jr. Endowment. It was a relaxed and enjoyable evening with old friends catching up and new acquaintances being made. Friendly bid-battles occurred in the silent auction and exciting bid-exchanges took place during the live auction thanks to Malcolm and Marni Mason of Manor Auctions and the wonderful guests who bid for the cause and walked away with some great items. The raffle’s grand prize was a $6,000 DCS grill and cart.

The highlight of the evening was the program which began with Aaron Kinnon, TMH Foundation Director of Development, welcoming everyone and thanking all who made the evening possible – primarily, those who came out to support the Munroe family and the cause at hand. Meghan Munroe Lisson then spoke about her brother, Ray, Jr., on behalf of the family. She gave a moving tribute to Ray, Jr., highlighting how he was loved by family, friends and others and of how his life touched so many. She also thanked TMH for the life-saving work that gave everyone who loved Ray, Jr. a bit more precious time with him.

The evening’s keynote speaker was Frank Gredler, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist with Southern Medical Group, P.A. and Chair of the TMH Board of Directors. Dr. Gredler discussed some of the advanced technological procedures performed at the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center and how the “Have a Heart” event plays a part in these important provisions. “Some of the procedures that we do here at TMH are not available anywhere else in this region, and at times that is the difference between life and death for the patient,” said Dr. Gredler. He continued, “It is my hope – our hope – that we never see another case like Ray’s.”

TMH Foundation board member, Maria Yealdhall, and her husband, Mark, said, “What a wonderful and fun event for a great cause. We will be sure to come again next year and know of many others who would be interested in supporting and attending as well.” “Watch for the announcement of the 2016 “Have a Heart” event. If you missed this year’s, don’t miss it again – not only is it fun – it also changes lives,” concluded Mr. Kinnon.
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A Win, Win, Win for the USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger Finalists, the TMH Foundation and the City of Tallahassee

The USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger wrapped up its 23rd professional men's tournament on Saturday, May 2, at Forestmeadows. Over 500 tennis enthusiasts were in attendance as Dennis Novikov (USA) and Julio Peralta (Chili) defeated Somdev Devvarman (India) and Sanam Singh (India) in the doubles final.

The singles final was clearly the favorite of the day with Argentina's Facundo Arguello besting USA player Frances Tiafoe in two out of three sets. Arguello was awarded the Challenger's top trophy, $7,200 in prize money and 80 ATP points. Tiafoe also came out a winner when it was announced that he was the American player who had won the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge thus earning a Main Draw Wild Card into the French Open. The USTA Tallahassee Tennis Challenger was the final tournament of the Har-Tru Challenge.

According to Paula Fortunas, President/CEO of the TMH Foundation, "The Tallahassee Challenger's proceeds benefit the D. Mark Vogter, M.D. Endowment for the Neuro Intensive Care Unit at Tallahassee Memorial and the Maria Yealidhall Endowment for the City of Tallahassee's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department."

During the Finals' Opening Ceremony, the TMH Foundation honored the Florida Lottery for its 14 years of sponsorship support and recognized Lottery Secretary Cynthia O'Connell and the Lottery's dedication to education along with 10 Bright Futures Scholars: Caroline Cartwright, Marissa Cuffe, Ian Dimitri, Natalie Dobek, Abby Ellingsen, James Perrigan, August Stone, Will Thompson, Mateus Snyder and Laurie Findley.
On Thursday, April 30, Susan and John Thomas hosted the thirty-fourth annual Spring Garden Party at their home, the Manor House at Luna Plantation. More than 250 guests enjoyed the festivities beneath the plantation’s beautiful oak trees with live music provided by Tallahassee Memorial Medical Music Therapy Department.

Guests were treated to a rich variety of foods and beverages catered by Southern Bleu, Inc. Other local businesses donating to the evening were Bradley’s Country Store, Red Elephant Pizza and Grill, The Cake Shop, Hill Spooner & Elliott, and Esposito Garden Center.

"John and I are honored to host this most worthwhile fund-raising event," said Susan Thomas. All proceeds from the Spring Garden Party benefit the Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Foundation and are designated for the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center.