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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  
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# 22nd Annual Crawfish Festival Gives Back to the Community

## Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare and the Tallahassee Police Department Benefit



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.

Dr. Morse explained, "Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit is the only Level III NICU in the region within a 120-mile radius and serves over 650 babies and their families within 17 counties. It was a pleasure for me to present information about the NICU and ask for support to purchase another Giraffe OmniBed, which will help provide the perfect environment for many of the very low weight or premature babies hospitalized annually at Tallahassee Memorial."

*LEFT: R. Jai Gillum and Mayor Andrew Gillum with their twins, Caroline and Jackson.*

*CENTER: Bill Hollimon, Loranne Ausley and their son, Will Hollimon, along with Nolah Shotwell and daughter Noa Grace.*

*RIGHT: Nurse Manager Linda Frimmel and TMH Foundation Director of Annual Giving Judi Wills.*

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](http://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](mailto:judi.wills@tmh.org) or 850-431-5904.



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*ABOVE: Anna Johnson, 2015 Rock the Pink Lip Sync Honoree, and her daughter, Teri Wolfe, celebrate as they raise funds for the Tallahassee Memorial Sharon Ewing Walker Breast Health Center.*



*Tim Broesecker, 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 Broesecker, Tim Broesecker, 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.**



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# Mays-Munroe Hosts "Have a Heart" Celebration for the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center in Memory of Ray Munroe, Jr.

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.

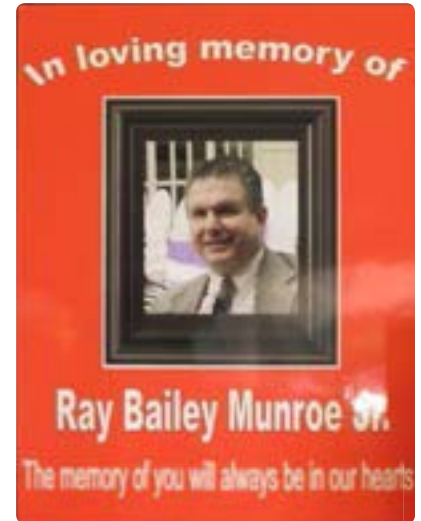
The "Have a Heart" celebration included a welcoming array of delicious food and beverages, live and silent auctions, a raffle and music – all to raise funds for the TMH Foundation's Ray Munroe, Jr. Endowment. It was a relaxed and enjoyable evening with old friends catching up and new acquaintances being 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.



*TOP LEFT: Mark Munroe, Ellen & Mike Munroe, Peggy & Ray Munroe, Sr., Meghan Munroe Lisson and Ray Munroe, Jr.'s widow and daughter Lisa Suber Munroe & Laura Michelle Munroe*

*LEFT: Terri McDonald, Tallahassee Memorial's Heart & Vascular Services Administrator, Frank Gredler, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist with Southern Medical Group, P.A. and Chair of the TMH Board of Directors, Lisa Mullee, Tallahassee Memorial's Cardiovascular Lab Director*

*RIGHT: Meghan Munroe Lisson shows off some tasty treats donated by The Cake Shop.*



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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 Yealdhall 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.

### Finals' Opening Ceremony

#### Presentation of Colors:

Lincoln High School Navy, Jr. ROTC, Color Guard Cadets Jacob Moudy, Emily Childs, Logan Bragdon, and Bradley Haugland under the direction of Commander Erik Snyder

#### National Anthem:

Sung by Maclay School Senior Sissy Shaw

**TOP OF PAGE FRONT ROW:** Tournament Hospitality Chair Lori Willyoung, Tournament Director Karen Vogter, TMH Foundation President/CEO Paula Fortunas, Maclay School Senior Sissy Shaw, Director of the City of Tallahassee's Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Ashley Edwards and Secretary of the Florida Lottery Cynthia O'Connell.

**BACK ROW:** Bright Futures Scholars funded by the Florida Lottery: Caroline Cartwright, Marissa Cuffee, Ian Dimitri, Natalie Dobek, Abby Ellingsen, James Perrigan, August Stone, Will Thompson, Mateus Snyder and Laurie Findley.



**ABOVE: SINGLES MATCH:** Tournament Hospitality Chair Lori Willyoung, Singles Winner Facundo Arguello, Singles Finalist Frances Tiafoe and Tournament Director Karen Vogter

**DOUBLES MATCH:** (Left to Right) WINNERS: Dennis Novikov and Julio Peralta FINALISTS: Sanam Singh and Somdev Devvarman



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## LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RAISE \$15,000

### at the Fifth Annual **Battle of the Bands** TO BENEFIT THE TALLAHASSEE MEMORIAL HEART & VASCULAR CENTER

The “Battle” was once again taken outdoors to the Jimmy Everett Track and Field at Lincoln High School. Rain brought the event into the gymnasium last year, but on the evening of Friday, April 3, 2015, the weather couldn’t have been better for the bands, vendors, and overall spirit of the crowd at the fifth annual Battle of the Bands.

A total of nine talented bands from Leon County high schools competed on one of two stages for the top honors of the night. The music covered a wide variety of genres and styles and there was something for everyone. Between the two stages, the track was lined with local vendors, businesses, student and community service groups and other booths that supported the event and informed the participants. It’s an event that involves and benefits the entire community. “When we conceived this event five years ago, we didn’t want to limit involvement to just Lincoln High students, so we opened the event to all Leon County High Schools so that more bands, more students and a larger portion of the community could be involved in our effort to benefit the Tallahassee Memorial Heart & Vascular Center and the people of this community,” said Dr. Allen Burch, Principal, Lincoln High School.

Kristin Kline, Lincoln High School teacher and advisor, led the students in cardiovascular disease education, event planning and fundraising. The students set a goal to raise “15 in 15” (\$15,000 in 2015) and with Trojan spirit, they hit it once again and presented a \$15,000 check to the TMH Foundation during the closing ceremony. Tallahassee Memorial was represented by Aaron Kinnon, TMH Foundation Director of Development, Lisa Mullee, Tallahassee Memorial Director of Cardiovascular Services, and Farhat Khairallah, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist, Southern Medical Group, P.A. – one of the event’s principal sponsors. “This year’s success brings the Battle of the Bands’ five year total to \$60,000 – funds used in the Heart & Vascular Center that directly affect the improvement of patient care and outcomes,” said Aaron Kinnon.

“Heart disease is the leading cause of death in both men and women, and that is one of the reasons this event is so important. Not only do the funds raised benefit patients who need intervention now, but also bring awareness and education to the youth in our community which prepares the next generation to live healthier lifestyles and prevent heart disease before intervention is needed,” said Lisa Mullee.

As the battle against heart disease rages on, this year’s Battle of the Bands comes to a close with great success and yet another victory for the Lincoln High School Trojans. More so, the victory is for the people of this community who will benefit from the philanthropic efforts of these dedicated students, teachers and administration.



TOP: Lincoln High School presents a \$15,000 check. From left to right: Kristin Kline, SGA Sponsor and Teacher; Dr. Allen Burch, Lincoln High School Principal; Maya Khairallah; Farhat Khairallah, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist, Southern Medical Group, P.A.; Lisa Mullee, Tallahassee Memorial Director of Cardiovascular Services; Aaron Kinnon, TMH Foundation Director of Development

ABOVE: The Battle of the Bands Winner: “TMC” featuring Charlie Noble, Mitchell Roth and Tyler Aldinger

## Thirty-Fourth Annual Spring Garden Party at the Manor House, Luna Plantation



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.



TOP: Flower Arrangement by Hurtis at Esposito’s Garden Center  
LEFT: Garden Party host John Thomas and Lori Mattice  
RIGHT: Garden Party host Susan Thomas, Caryn Beck-Dudley, Cheri Rainey and Sarah Deeb