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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

SMOKE OFF
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Sponsored by Carr Allison Law Firm

SPIRIT OF YOUTH GALA
Friday, April 24, 2015
University Center Club

AWARDS BANQUET
Thursday, July 23, 2015

JUNE STRAUSS DAY
Sunday, November 1, 2015

CHRISTMAS CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT
December 7, 2015
Golden Eagle Country Club

For more information and to register visit
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A Royal Celebration
12th Annual Spirit of Youth Gala

Friday, April 24, 2015

In Imperial Auction

Pappy Van Winkle Twenty-Year Bourbon
Graciously donated by C.B. Lorch

Epicurean Experience for Eight at the Ecenia Wine Cellar
Sponsored by Steve & Su Ecenia

The Ultimate Chicago Cubs Sports Fan Package
Sponsored by David & Hyla Ross, Gannon Hunt, Hard Rock Hotel Chicago, and More!

FSU Skybox Experience for Twenty
Sponsored by Special Friends of Boys Town

New York City Vacation for Four
Sponsored by Charisse Strawberry-Fuller, Chris & Andrea Diamantis, and Ken Cashin

Replica Royal Rug of The Clark Sickle-Leaf
Graciously donated by Brian Barnard’s Flooring America

Jackson Hole One Week Retreat at Shooting Star Cabin
Graciously donated by Chris & Andrea Diamantis

Diamond Earrings Fit for a Queen
Graciously donated by Robert’s Jewelry & Design

Quail Hunt for Two at the Lovely River Ridge Plantation
Graciously donated by River Ridge Plantation

Murder Mystery Party for Twenty
Sponsored by Rambana & Ricci, Kari Rowe, Young McConnell, Tri-Eagle Sales, Tito’s Vodka, and More!

Fitness Pro Elliptical & Personal Training
Graciously donated by Special Friends of Boys Town and GoPerformance & Fitness
Gala Kick-Off Party & Tea – “A Royal Success”

A Special Thank You

CAPTIONS:
1. Mary Bebout, Laura Ervin, Juli Downs, Beth Desloge, Dena Strickland, Gina Proctor, and Jenny Wright
2. Audra Pittman, Kim Crowell, Gannon Hunt, and Andrea Diamantis
3. Sha Maddox, Commissioner Scott Maddox, Dena Strickland, Marion Camps, and Annie Kelley
5. Dena Strickland, Stacy Chick, and Laura Ervin
6. Marsha Doll Models looking stunning in their “Royal” gowns from Narcissus
7. Young Actors Theatre performing a song from Cinderella
8. Our amazing Gala committee members
9. Andrea Diamantis, Lisa Chase, Juli Downs, and Drew Westling
10. Jenny Wright, Jessica Kerr, Deavin Gibbs, and Ramsey Safley
11. Paul Sullivan, Elizabeth Gwynn, Dena Strickland, Beth Desloge, and Laura Ervin
12. Juli Downs, Allison Abel, and Angie Sipple
13. Drew Westling, Audra Pittman, Deavin Gibbs, Laura Ervin, Beth Desloge, Young McConnell, and Jenny Wright

Thank You Gala Kick-Off Sponsors

CAPTIONS:
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10th Annual Gabor Day

A heartfelt thank you to the Gabor, Diamantis, Chase, and Sokolow Families for hosting another amazing Gabor Day and providing our children with a fun-filled time at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center! They had a blast!

New Board Members Join Boys Town North Florida

Boys Town North Florida is pleased to announce the appointment of four new members to its Board of Directors:

Bobby Dick has been a past Christmas Classic Golf Chair for two years and continues to play a vital role as a significant sponsor of the tournament and supporter and sponsor of our Gala. His devotion to helping children is evident in all that he does.

Anne Martin has been a Birthday Buddy Chair for many years and helped create a system so every child at Boys Town will have an unforgettable birthday. Her support and knowledge as a Guardian Ad Litem is invaluable. She continues to find ways to make a difference in the lives of our children and families.

Dr. Marc Inglese has a love and devotion for children in general. His significant support of our Gala has made a huge difference. His practice continues to make Boys Town the best and has been vital in making sure that our children get the right treatment at the right time.

Stephanie Jansen has been involved as our Gala Dining by Design Co-Chair for over eight years, creating a beautiful environment for our wonderful supporters. She has been involved in our Awards Banquet and has generously hosted numerous events at her lovely home. It is obvious how much Stephanie cares for our children.

We are excited to have them join us in our mission to serve North Florida’s children and families.

Birthday Buddies Make A Difference

Thank you for a great year Birthday Buddy Chairs: Anne Martin, Brian Ramos, and Joanna Copenhaver.

Thank you to our Birthday Buddy Sponsors: Leslie Baker, Elizabeth Ekk, Maclay Key Club, Chantelle Yandow, and Brad and Joanna Copenhaver.

If you are interested in making a Boys Town child’s birthday special by being a Birthday Buddy, please contact Anne Martin 850.591.5360.
Boys Town North Florida is on the final stretch of their Capital Campaign for **ART Town: Arts, Resources, and Training**. We are excited to begin the building phase of our multi-use retreat for therapy, mentoring, and creativity for children and families that are facing a wide variety of challenges and situations. ART Town at Boys Town North Florida will be a retreat where children and families can concentrate on restoring their spirit and healing their soul.

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**

**JUNE STRAUSS DAY - NOVEMBER 1, 2014**

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**A special thank you to our ART Town Groundbreaking Sponsors:**

- Ajax Building Corporation
- Architects Lewis + Whitlock
- Hancock Bank
- Jersey Mike’s Subs
- Coca-Cola
- DJ Laila Jade
- Bella & Flora
- Ted’s Northern Grill
- Tallahassee Democrat (www.tallahassee.com)
- IN TENTS EVENTS
Please join our Leaders and Founders and be a part of our Capital Campaign to serve our community’s at-risk children and families in a welcoming, therapeutic environment and provide them with the resources they need to help them succeed! For more information, please contact Dena Strickland at (850) 504-5007.

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CONGRATULATIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

GROSS SCORES:

FIRST PLACE:
Thomas Howell Ferguson PA (57)
  Winston Howell (13)
  Justin Edenfield (1)
  J.P. Sinclair (2)
  Ken Stevenson (0)

SECOND PLACE:
The Rodrigue Family (62)
  Anthony King (5)
  Dan Mahoney (4)
  Chris McMullen (14)
  Ernie Lanford (12)

THIRD PLACE:
McKee Insurance (63)
  Patrick McKee (20)
  Kyle Ulrich (13)
  Chad Gardner (14)
  David Weiss (15)

NET SCORES:

FIRST PLACE:
Residential Elevators, Inc. (54.2)
  Eric Sharkey (30)
  Chip Boeneke (18)
  Chad Jordan (14)
  Chris Adkison (6)

SECOND PLACE:
The Pod Advertising (54.6)
  Brian Ramos (30)
  Michael Johnston (3)
  Keith Alexander (15)
  Iain Harnden (6)

THIRD PLACE:
The Sleep Gallery (58.2)
  Todd Kingry (22)
  Lance Hart (16)
  Chris Kingry (16)
  Barry Wartenberg (24)

Longest Drive:
Brent Marsh

Longest Putt:
Todd Hunter

Closest to the Pin:
J.P. Sinclair, Chris Adkison, Kevin Collins, and Ken Walling

2. Third place net score team, The Sleep Gallery
3. First place gross score team, Thomas Howell Ferguson PA
4. Ted Strauss, Coach Mike Martin, Leslie Redding, and Charley Redding
OUR VENDORS ROCK!

Chaired by Jennifer Birkmeier

A special thank you to Coach Mike Martin and Golf Pro Tim Lawson for making spirits bright!

Holiday Spirit of Boys Town: Oh What Joy!

Boys Town North Florida celebrated the true spirit of Christmas with a tree lighting, caroling and a chili cook-off on December 11th. Sponsors, special guests and community supporters were invited to enjoy this magical evening with our children and families! A special thank you to our evening’s sponsors: DJ Willie Brown, Good Shepherd Catholic Church Men’s Choir, Leon High School Student Government, and In Tents Events.

Happiness Brought to the Youth of Boys Town through Hope for the Holidays

Our ongoing “Hope for the Holidays” campaign provided Christmas presents for Boys Town North Florida’s Family Home Program, In-Home Family Services, Care Coordination Services and Foster Family Services children. This year, the North Florida community made 288 children’s spirits brighter! Thank you!

A Heartfelt Thank You to our Hope for the Holidays Sponsors:

Allegro
Ben and Melissa Bakas
Chris and Patty Barkas
Stan and Terley Barnes
Stephen and Anna Bedosky
Ken and Michelle Bender
Michelle Bergschneider
Cindy Berta
Kyle and Hollee Bollman
David and Karen Brannon
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Bennie Bryan
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Jenny Carter
Corey and Shanna Clark
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Sam and Laura Rogers
Laurence and Lori Rosenberg
Andrew Sabolic
Mariela Santuri
Stephen and Laurie Sheller
Colt and Katie Shiver
Jessica Showalter
Karen Stilbee
Kim Skomos
The Sleep Gallery
Walter and Dee Ann Smith
Dena Sokolow
Kevin and Mary Jayne Sokolow
James and Sharon Spratt
Adam and Lindsey Staley
Bill and Jennifer Standley
Gene and Dena Strickland
Kimberly Studier
Summit Group
Chris and Sheryl Sutton
Tallahassee Neurological Clinic
Matthew and Taylor Thomsen
Ben Threadgill/Seven Hills Church
Tallahassee Democrat
Steven and Rachel Tribble
Phillip and Rhonda Tullos
Richard and Angela Turner
Kristina Tutton
Dick and Betty Van Atta
Cody and Somer VanLandingham
Dr. Hugh and Mary VanLandingham
VR Systems
Barry Wartenberg
Robert and Karin Werner
Greg and Drew Westling
Kris Wilson
Gary and Julie Zins
ART TOWN

**Architects Lewis+Whitlock**

Lewis & Whitlock, P.A.: Thank you Cam Whitlock and wonderful staff for all of your hard work on ART Town architect plans!

**Joseph Wynn:** Thank you so much for providing us with house plans for ART Town!

**Jersey Mike’s Subs:** A special thank you for hosting a share event and helping raise over $3,500 for ART Town! What a fun day!

**Kathleen Carter:** A big thank you for creating an art project for our guests at the ART Town Groundbreaking Ceremony!

Dr. Tyler & Rhonda Baldock:

Thank you for being an ART Town party host and helping make a difference in reaching our goal!

**Axios Salt Spa & Juice Bar:** A special thank you to Shea Atkin and Chantelle Yandow for holding a health fair and making it such a wonderful event to benefit ART Town!

**ETCETERA:** Thank you Ginger Proctor for holding a trunk show where Boys Town North Florida’s ART Town received 10% of the proceeds. We cannot thank you enough!

**ARTS Afterschool:** A big thank you for your donation tickets to the Ringling Brothers circus for our families to enjoy!

**World Ballet:** Thank you for making our youth feel like royalty during their photo shoot!

**Coca-Cola Company:** A very special thank you for continuously treating our families to a fun night out with Florida State Athletics! Go Noles!

**Tallahassee Democrat:** Thank you for providing our youth with tickets to the Tallahassee Winds Concert!

**Florida State University-The Center for Leadership and Social Change:** Thank you for volunteering at our Foster Parent Dinner!

**Seminole Sitters:** Thank you for your kind donation of tickets to an FSU Basketball Game for our youth to enjoy!

**The Coca-Cola Bottling Company:** A special thank you for providing us with house plans for our homes! It looks beautiful!

**Glenna Johnson:** Thank you so much for your generous gift of a dining room set for one of our homes!

**Patty Oole:** A very special thank you for providing our families with backpacks, bedding, and a play pen!

**Edie Wetherell:** Thank you for your kind donation of clothing for our girls!

**Melissa Mnookin:** Big thanks for your thoughtful donation of two bikes for our youth!

**Amy Doyle:** Thank you so much for thinking of our families and donating kitchen supplies!

**Monika Weinstein:** A very special thank you for your donation of books for our children to enjoy!

**The Gabor Agency:** Thank you for providing our homes with wonderful Thanksgiving meals!

**St. Peter’s Anglican Church:** Thank you for providing our Family Homes with bountiful Thanksgiving feasts! Our children were so excited to see everyone and tour you around our campus. You have really made this holiday season special for our Boys Town families! Thank you!

**Autumn Mayfield:** A big thank you for your donation of t-shirts for our youth!

**Aline Rundle:** A heartfelt thank you for providing each of our homes with your “Drawings from the Heart” board game!

**In Tents Events:** Thank you for your kind donation of a discount on rental equipment!

**Timothy McFadden:** Big thanks for your generous donation of FSU Football tickets for our youth!

**Florida Coca-Cola Bottling Company:** A very special thank you for continuously treating our families to a fun night out with Florida State Athletics! Go Noles!

**Todd & Jeri Hunter:** Thank you for your generous donation of FSU Football tickets for our families!

**Gina Proctor:** Thank you so much for your donation of passes to the Tallahassee Museum!

**Tallahassee Rotaract Club:** Thank you for hosting an awesome MLK Day party for our campus!

**Wells Fargo:** Thank you to the entire Wells Fargo staff for hosting an awesome MLK Day party for our campus!

**Henry Hernandez:** Thank you Henry Hernandez for your generous gift of tickets to the Nutcracker for our families!

**C.H. Robinson:** A very big thank you for hosting our families to “Youth Night” at a Florida State Basketball Game! What a great game!

**Tallahassee Rotaract Club:** A huge thank you for helping put up Christmas decorations on campus! It looked beautiful!

**Florida State University School of Theatre:** A big thank you for a fun night out for our families at your production of James and the Giant Peach!

**Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra:** Thank you so much for your donation of tickets to see the Spaceman Invades Symphony concert!
Around Town Community Support
Acts of Kindness:

**EVERY GIFT IMPACTS BOYS TOWN**

- **The Space at Feather Oaks:** Thank you so much for your generous donation of over 40 chairs for our families!
- **David Mica:** A special thank you for your generous donation of a PT Cruiser!
- **Awards4U:** A big thank you for your discount on our Christmas Classic trophies!
- **Gene Madden:** Thank you for always thinking of our families and donating toiletries and a television!
- **John Paul II Catholic High School:** Thanks for taking your time to help clean up the Boys Town basement!
- **LAMAR Outdoor Advertising of Tallahassee:** Thank you for helping keep Boys Town in the spotlight and donating ad space to recruit foster care families!
- **Adam & Lindsey Staley:** Thank you so much for your generous donation of a guitar for one of our aspiring musicians!
- **Ed Fundis:** A very special thank you for your thoughtful donation of baby dolls for all of our girls to enjoy! They loved them!
- **The Polka Dot Press:** Thank you for providing all of our youth with fun goodies!
- **LeaderBoard of the Gulf Coast:** Thank you so much Shane Calder for all of your hard work at this year's Christmas Classic and for your discount on tournament software!
- **Sonny’s Real Pit Bar-B-Q:** Thank you Hal Smith for your generous donation of golf vests and ART Town vests!
- **In focUS Apparel:** A special thank you to Andrew Smith for providing a discount on this year’s golf vests and ART Town vests! They look great!
- **Tallahassee Skate Inn:** Thank you for generously hosting a birthday party for one of our youth! What a blast!

**FRANK WALKER**

- **Frank Walker:** A huge thank you for your kind donation of your Pontiac Bonneville!

**GENESIS CHURCH**

- **Genesis Church:** A heartfelt thank you for providing space and volunteers for our Foster Parent Trainings!

**TASHA WEINSTEIN**

- **Tasha Weinstein:** Thank you for taking your time to speak at our Foster Parent Training!

**EDWIN WATTS GOLF**

- **Edwin Watts Golf:** A special thank you for your generous discount on golf gear for this year’s Christmas Classic!

**R&R Safety and Fire Equipment**

- **R&R Safety and Fire Equipment:** Thank you for keeping all of our families safe and checking our fire extinguishers!

**TALLAHASSEE MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE**

- **Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare:** Thank you Christine Sutherland for providing all of our youth with health assessments!
- **Betty McCoy:** A big thank you for providing one of our CCS families with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal!
- **Legacy Toyota:** Thank you so much Les Akers for being our official Christmas Classic ball sponsor!

**LOCAL DENTISTS GIVE BACK**

A very special thank you to our wonderful team of local dentists who take great care of all the dental needs of our children. Your kindness is much appreciated as your service is invaluable! Thank you to our Board Member Rhonda Baldock for coordinating this effort!

**GRANTS & MAJOR GIFTS**

- **The Kerrigan Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.:** A heartfelt thank you for your continued support of the children of Boys Town! You make a direct difference!
- **The John & Margaret A. Krupa Foundation:** Thank you so much for thinking of Boys Town and for your generous gift to ART Town!
- **The Beau Turner Foundation:** Thank you Beau Turner for your kind donation to ART Town. Your gift truly means a lot to all of our children and families!
Boys Town is a beacon of hope for America’s children and families through its life-changing youth care and healthcare programs across the United States. Now 97 years strong, Boys Town is embarking on a new mission to affect change in a fragmented system of youth care by building a continuum of family services to provide the right services at the right time based on a child’s or family’s needs.

The nonprofit, nonsectarian organization provides children and families with services in their own homes, or, when necessary, family-like out-of-home services to children with special treatment needs. Boys Town works with communities and schools in order to meet the growing and more diverse needs of today’s children and families. In 2014, 4,700 children and families received help through Boys Town North Florida’s Integrated Continuum of Youth Care Services—including 748 children who received direct assistance from Boys Town North Florida’s Treatment Family Services and Child and Family Support Services.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**AWARDS BANQUET**

**JULY 23, 2015**

Want to Make A Difference in the Life of a Child? Here is how:

**Employee Gift Giving Campaign** – Boys Town North Florida is now offering a convenient way to donate: **Automatic Payroll Deduction**. By contributing each pay period, your commitment will add up to a significant amount by the end of the year. Be sure to ask your employer if they offer a matching gift program to create an even larger impact in our children’s lives.

**Financial Contributions** – Your gift is always appreciated. Every dollar you give goes directly to programs that help our children and families succeed.

**In-Kind Contributions** – Our kids typically can’t afford to attend special events, such as going to recreational parks, dining out or attending sporting events. Donate tickets to events in the community for our families to enjoy.

**Volunteer** – Sharing your time, energy and talents – either by tutoring, mentoring or supporting special events – will help a child in a special way.

**Help-a-Home** – Each of our homes have six to seven youth who live with a married couple and their children. Help support us by funding an interior or exterior makeover, or by donating items such as new silverware, dishes, flowers, plants or landscaping materials – anything that will help make a house a home.

**Help-a-Family** – Help a family in our In-Home Family Services and Care Coordination Services programs by asking about donating items like furniture, beds and new bedding, or by helping with bills or other household expenses.

**Help-a-Child** – This is your opportunity to support a single child while he or she stays at Boys Town. You can help by purchasing gift cards, clothes, birthday or holiday gifts, school supplies, etc.

**Leave-a-Legacy** – Your legacy gift will ensure your spirit of giving will live on in the life of a child.

**Pray** – For the children in need in our own communities and all across America, and for the funds to be available to continue to expand and help more children and families.

**Donation Drives** – Our biggest program expenses include typical day-to-day necessities like toilet paper, cleaning supplies, school supplies, etc. You can contribute directly to the kids by having a donation drive. Or ask us about our Birthday Buddies, Hope for the Holidays and Back to School programs.

Find out more ways you can give by calling Dena Strickland, Boys Town North Florida Development Director, at (850) 575-6422.

**BOYS TOWN NORTH FLORIDA**

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