

MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN PRESS RELEASE

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ROY'S EIGHTH ANNUAL EVENT RAISES \$42,000 FOR THE MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN

JACKSONVILLE BEACH, Fla. (June 8, 2011) – Hawaiian fusion cuisine by celebrity chef Roy Yamaguchi, tropical drinks and live fire dancing set the scene at the [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.'s](#) annual “A Night in the Village” event at Roy’s restaurant in Jacksonville Beach. The celebration, which has become one of Northeast Florida’s most widely attended charity events, raised \$42,000 for the foundation and its programs. Every dollar raised will go to help children in the community through the foundation’s safety and child abuse prevention program covering topics such as bullying and internet safety.

“We had a great turnout at this year’s event with over 404 people in attendance and raised an extraordinary amount to help provide the new Speak Up Be Safe™ program for elementary students, parents/caregivers and school personnel throughout the region,” said Lynn Layton, executive director of the Monique Burr Foundation. “It is because of our generous sponsors, partners in Third Street Village and the First Coast community that this event was such a success.”

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Emceeding "A Night in the Village" was Jacksonville's own WJXT-TV anchor, Bruce Hamilton. Hamilton graciously hosted the night's happenings, which included a silent auction, live auction and presentations by both Monique Burr Foundation founder, Ed Burr, and celebrity chef, Roy Yamaguchi. Special guest auctioneer, MG Orender, president of Hampton Golf, presented the live auction which boasted popular items such as a week's stay at the Steamboat Grande and an opportunity for two to play in the Lexus Charity Golf Tournament in Pebble Beach, California. The silent auction occurred throughout the evening and featured custom gifts, vacation stays and exclusive packages from local businesses to benefit the foundation.

Guests at the culinary event noshed on contemporary, Hawaiian-influenced gourmet cuisine and enjoyed fabulous fine wines and tropical beverages. Entertainment for the evening included a chic fashion show, live music and fire dancing by Prince Pele's Polynesian Revue. In addition to the many festivities at Roy's, guests had the opportunity to visit select boutiques and restaurants in the Third Street Village including Moe's, Mrs. Howard, Max & Company, Emly Benham, Leila's, Rosenblum's, Focus Fitness, Starbuck's, Bonefish Grill, Rosie True, Penelope T and Miriam's. Exclusive to guests of the event, the stores offered extended hours and private shopping opportunities throughout the evening.

Sponsors for the event included Lexus of Orange Park and Jacksonville, GreenPointe Holdings, Hampton Golf, PRI Productions, Portable Air and Clockwork Marketing. More information about the Roy's fundraising event and

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About the Monique Burr Foundation for Children

The [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](http://www.MoniqueBurrFoundation.org) is a nonprofit organization created in 1997 with a mission to give hope in the lives of children by providing child abuse prevention education throughout the state of Florida.

In 2009, the foundation reached more than 25,000 children in Northeast Florida and the Tampa Bay area with its advocacy programs and since its inception had contributed more than \$2 million to child-serving agencies in the region.

The foundation is currently pilot testing a child abuse prevention education program that will address safety from all forms of child abuse, bullying and neglect as well as including tools for parents and school personnel. This program is a collaborative effort with the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida, the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health, the Florida Department of Children and Families and Prevent Child Abuse Florida. A state-wide program is on track to be offered to schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

For more information about the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, call (904) 642-0210 or visit www.MoniqueBurrFoundation.org.

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5. L-R Walt Bussels, Pat Jones, Doug Jones
6. L-R Ellen Mills, Woody Mills
7. L-R Adam Hyatt, Susan Shannon, Callie Criser, John Sabo - Winner of Private cooking class with Roy's Executive Chef, Adam Hyatt

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