

**MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN
PRESS RELEASE**

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**“A NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE” EVENT AT ROY’S TO BENEFIT THE
MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION SET FOR MAY 25**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 12, 2011) – With the sell-out success of previous events in mind, Roy’s Restaurant will host the annual “A Night in the Village,” benefiting the [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org) This year’s party and fundraiser will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25, at Roy’s Restaurant and participating businesses at Third Street Village in Jacksonville Beach.

Guests will be treated to a fashion show and delectable Hawaiian-fusion cuisine inspired by celebrity chef and restaurant founder Roy Yamaguchi. There will also be a silent auction featuring custom items, vacation stays and packages from local businesses.

“Our fundraiser at Roy’s is a highly anticipated event each year, with a great response from the community towards this wonderful cause,” said Lynn Layton, executive director of the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, whose mission is to provide hope in the life of a child by providing safety and child abuse prevention education. “We are pleased to partner once again with Roy’s and even more shops and restaurants from Third Street Village, and we hope everyone will bring their friends to join the fun and make this the best event ever.”

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In addition to a scrumptious dinner, guests will enjoy fine wines and tropical drinks throughout the evening while being entertained by hula dancing, fire dancing and live music. Participating shops and restaurants at Third Street Village include 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, and they will have extended hours and provide exclusive shopping opportunities for guests of the event.

Advance tickets are recommended as the event has sold out in the past. Tickets are \$75 per person and sales began March 28. More information about the event, ticket purchasing or donations is available online at www.moniqueburrfoundation.org or by calling Callie Criser at (904) 562-1844. More information is also available on Facebook.com by searching for the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc. and on Twitter.com@MBFjax.

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 has contributed more than \$2 million to child-serving agencies in the region.

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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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1.) "A Night in the Village" hosted by Roy's Restaurant and benefiting the Monique Burr Foundation for Children will take place Wednesday, May 25th at Roy's Restaurant in Third Street Village, Jacksonville Beach.

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