

## **MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (May 15, 2011) – The [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](#) has announced the formation of Professionals for Prevention, a group for young professionals between the ages of 21 and 40 that will meet monthly to discuss ways the group can support the foundation and connect with its mission. The mission of the Monique Burr Foundation is to provide hope in the life of children by providing safety and child abuse prevention education.

Professionals for Prevention held its first meeting in March where it planned fundraising efforts for the upcoming “A Night in the Village” at Roy’s to be held on Wednesday, May 25.

“Today’s young professionals realize the importance of community involvement, and we are so pleased they are interested in expanding our important mission throughout Northeast Florida and beyond,” said Lynn Layton, executive director of the Monique Burr Foundation for Children. “Professionals for Prevention will serve as a source of social and networking opportunities, as well as provide important information about the foundation’s current and upcoming

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activities.”

Activities during the monthly meetings will include forums featuring elite business men and women, socials and event planning. The group will also offer tickets to events, such as the upcoming “A Night in the Village” at Roy’s, at reduced prices.

Roy’s is the signature event for the Monique Burr Foundation and raised more than \$27,000 for the foundation last year. This year’s event will include 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.

For more information about the Monique Burr Foundation’s Young Professionals Group, contact Callie Criser at (904) 562-1844 or [ccriser@moniqueburrfoundation.org](mailto:ccriser@moniqueburrfoundation.org). For more information about the Monique Burr Foundation, visit [www.moniqueburrfoundation.org](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org). 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

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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.

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](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org).

**Photography:**

1.) The Monique Burr Foundation for Children has formed a Professionals for Prevention, a group that will provide networking opportunities for young professionals ages 21 to 40 and connect them with the organization's efforts.

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