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Golfers Take a Swing at Raising Funds for Stomach Cancer

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) and Broward County Medical Association (BCMA) recently co-hosted a collaborative Golf Tournament. The event took place at the Plantation Preserve Golf Course in Plantation as DDF's first in-person event of the year. The tournament raised nearly \$26,000 to support DDF's mission of raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers.

Attendees participated in various golf competitions, a raffle drawing and luncheon. In addition, players were presented with awards and celebrated the evening with a dinner buffet.

This year's tournament was led by Jonathan Perrillo, who previously chaired DDF's annual Dream Fore A Cure Golf Tournament. His co-chairman Dr. Abram Berens, President of BCMA, has led his organization in joining forces with DDF for a second year.

"Our signature Golf Tournaments have become a critical source of fundraising in the past few years," said DDF's Chief Executive Officer, Andrea Edelman. "We're beyond excited to partner with BCMA for the second year in a row for such a great cause. We are also very grateful to our wonderful co-chairs, our generous sponsors, the DDF staff, dedicated volunteers, and participants for helping make this event a huge success."

Tournament sponsors included: Silver Sponsors Lockton, ProAssurance, and Tito's Handmade Vodka; Bronze Sponsor Lash and Goldberg; and Hole Lotta Fun Sponsors: Broward County Medical Association and Medigreen.

Debbie's Dream Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about



Andrea Edelman, John Perrillo and Abram Berens

gastric cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. DDF seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable gastric cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. Debbie is considered a pioneer by many for bringing awareness to the plight of stomach cancer patients worldwide and the lack of federal funding for stomach cancer research. She achieved all of this while receiving hundreds of rounds of chemotherapy, in addition to daily oral treatments. Debbie passed away on December 23, 2017, at the age of 50, almost a decade later. As a result of her leadership, DDF now has a Scientific and Medical Advisory Board, comprised of world-renowned physicians, and chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and Germany. DDF strives to continue Debbie's mission and make her



Brett Chase, Blake Borello, Daniel Perrillo and Mike Danforth



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dream come true. To learn more about DDF, visit at www.DebbiesDream.org.

The Broward County Medical Association
The Broward County Medical Association (BCMA) unites 1,700 allopathic and osteopathic physicians, of all specialties, as well as Physician Assistants, toward the fulfillment of a common goal to secure access to health care of the highest quality for the residents of Broward County.

For more information about BCMA, visit www.bcma.com.

CDTC Waterways Themed Fundraisers Coming Up

Below Deck's Bravo TV Star **Captain Lee Rosbach** will lead a series of upscale fundraising events under the Waterway Soiree banner for Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center (CDTC), a facility of Broward Health that serves more than 10,000 children with special needs by providing comprehensive prevention, intervention and treatment services.

Captain Lee, who also serves as a CDTC board member, will spearhead a new team-style fundraising campaign beginning with the "Captain's Crew," which has raised more than \$50,000 for CDTC to support children with special healthcare needs. Every crew member who signs up to join receives a personal fundraising page to ask friends and colleagues to make a gift. Those who reach more than \$1,300 in donations will be promoted to Senior Crew Members and meet Captain Lee at the Waterway Soiree Dock and Dash, the next event on the schedule.

The Waterway Soiree Dock and Dash is a luxury dockside cocktail party and silent auction from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 at Pier Sixty-Six Marina amid Fort Lauderdale's impressive super yachts. Tickets are \$135. The



Dr. Ana Calderon-Randazzo, Captain Lee Rosbach and Jessica Vones

silent auction will be live online prior to the event with one of the coveted auction items, dinner for 10 after the reception on May 21 aboard the 223-foot super yacht Aviva that will be awarded to the highest bidder.

"Our waterway and marine-themed way of life are what's made Fort Lauderdale so famous for its splendor as the playground of the world,"

Captain Lee said. "The CDTC Dock and Dash and all of the events we have planned will be fun, exciting, and engaging. The best part is that we are raising funds for the children and families in our community who need it most."

This year's Soiree events will continue throughout the summer with the return of the Dinner Series, where a host can have an intimate gourmet dinner and wine party for up to eight aboard a luxury yacht.

"It's been a challenging two years with limited events and we are so excited to have such a robust summer of activities," said Ana Calderon-Randazzo, Ph.D. executive director at CDTC. "We appreciate all that Capt. Lee does for us, and welcome all who want to enjoy all of these high-profile events as sponsors and guests to support our children and families we serve."

The cost of events are \$135 and

sponsorships are available. Log on to: childrensdiagnostic.com/waterway-soiree-3/. For more information, visit ChildrensDiagnostic.org.

Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center (CDTC) is a not-for-profit that serves more than 10,000 children with special healthcare needs in Broward County annually. As a facility of Broward Health, CDTC's mission is to promote the optimal health and well-being of children with special healthcare needs by providing comprehensive prevention, intervention, and treatment services.

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