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DANCING FOR A MIRACLE IS ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESS

Children's Miracle Network Raises Money for Oklahoma Pediatrics

OKLAHOMA CITY (July 26, 2010) – U.S. Congresswoman Mary Fallin, Miss America 2007 Lauren Nelson-Faram, Miss Oklahoma 2009 Taylor Treat, Hollywood Actor Ryan Merriman, USA Olympic Coaches Steve Nunno and LeRoy Smith, USA Olympic Gymnast, Kelly Garrison-Funderburk, KOCO News 5 Co-Ancor Jessica Schambach, CEO of Taco Mayo Randy Earhart, Rodeo Opry Singers Amanda and Kyle Earhart, Project Runway Designer Johnathan Kayne, 2008 Children's Miracle Network Champion Child Alli Dial, Magic 104.1 Radio Personality Jessi Stone, OKC Thunder Girl Shereka, Old Germany Restaurant Owner Mike Turek, and defending 2009 "Dancing for Kids Star" and KFOR "In Your Corner" Reporter Scott Hines, joined together on July 24 to support Children's Hospital Foundation, an affiliate of Children's Miracle Network during the Dancing For A Miracle gala that raised over \$46,000 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel.

The gala gave friends of CHF the opportunity to come together to support Oklahoma's children and brought attention to the mission to create better futures for Oklahoma's kids.

The evening began with cocktails and a silent auction. Guests then enjoyed dinner and a dance competition produced by Harpe's Dance, Inc. Oklahoma notables Johnathan Kayne, Jessi Stone, Scott Hines, Shereka, Mike Turek and Alli Dial teamed up with professional dancers Lee Harpe, Marcy Harpe, April Glunt, Brock Geeslin and Amanda Horne to compete for the title of 2010 "CMN Dancing for Kids Star." The winner with over \$9,000 donated to CMN was Magic 104.1 Radio Personality Jessi Stone. She and her partner, Lee Harpe danced an East Coast Swing to "Johnny Be Good" by Chuck Berry.

The People's Choice Award went to Mike Turek for obtaining the most votes/donations the night of the event. Second Place went to Scott Hines, and Johnathan Kayne took away the third place medal. Combined all six dancers raised over \$30,000 for Oklahoma's sick children.

“Our local celebrities truly stepped up to the challenge at Dancing For A Miracle,” said Landi Thompson, Dancing For A Miracle Committee Chair. “The fabulous dancing and generous support of our attendees helped us raise over \$46,000 for Children’s Hospital Foundation. I am so proud to be a part of an event that makes such a difference in the lives of children.”

CHF works with CMN to support pediatric research, education and clinical care. With the help of donors, all funds raised stay in Oklahoma so children will have access to pediatric specialists without having to leave the state.

For more information about *Dancing For A Miracle*, please contact Jill Smith at 405-271-2296 or jill-m-smith@ouhsc.edu.

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ABOUT US: Children’s Hospital Foundation, proud affiliate of Children’s Miracle Network, is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization in Oklahoma striving to improve the health of children. Since its inception in 1983, Children’s Hospital Foundation, through its volunteer board and vast community support, has funded pediatric research and education programs including collaborative projects with the OU Department of Pediatrics, the Children’s Hospital at OU Medical Center and the University Hospitals Authority and Trust. For more information, contact CMN Director, Jan Dunham at 405-271-2258 or visit our website: www.okchf.org.