

HEAL Gala and Golf Benefit a Great Success

Individuals with Autism who live across the Northeast Florida area were the big winners at the HEAL Valley of Dreams Gala and Golf Benefit held in Ponte Vedra. The event raised \$150,000 to help kids and families in the First Coast.

The HEAL fundraiser was held at TPC Sawgrass, which was decorated in Christmas splendor. A special appearance was made by St. Johns County Deputy Sheriff John Tedder and his son with autism, Austin. World Golf Hall of Fame member and former 20 year commissioner of the PGA TOUR Deane Beman made a moving speech about his daughter with special needs and the challenges families face throughout their lifetime.

Event emcees Patty Crosby and Dan Hicken of First Coast News helped make the event a hit. The Live Auction included a trip to Hawaii, 6 tickets to CMT awards in Nashville and a VIP PLAYERS Championship package. Silent auction items included a trip to Anguilla, Venus Williams signed racquet, Stand Up Paddle Boards, golf trip to Hilton Head and a beach cruiser to name a few.

The Deane Beman-Bobby Weed Charity Golf Classic was kicked off by complimentary breakfast and a clinic on the putting facility by Deane Beman. The golfers had a perfect day on the course followed by an awards luncheon.

Special thanks to Deb Alfaro of Wine Source International who arranged all the wine donations for the gala, and also to HEAL Board Member and TPC Sawgrass General Manager Bill Hughes, and his a superior staff who put on a first class event.

Thanks to all who supported the HEAL event, you have helped put smiles across the faces of so many who will be attending the many HEAL funded camps, programs and upcoming events in 2013.

For more information about HEAL visit www.HealAutismNow.org



Patty & Dan



John Tedder



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