



3rd Annual "Art Through the Eyes of a Child"

Children's Art Auction raises \$71,000!



James Bates talks with Shelby Hebert.

Beautiful artwork created by the patients at Shands Children's Hospital at the University of Florida raised more than \$71,000 for Children's Miracle Network. The 3rd Annual "Art Through the Eyes of a Child" Art Auction presented by RE/MAX Professionals was held on Thursday, October 7th at the Haile Plantation Golf & Country Club. This unique art auction celebrated "life, joy and healing" through children's art created by Shands Kids through the Arts in Medicine program at Shands Children's Hospital. All of the money raised from the RE/MAX "Art Through the Eyes of a Child" Art Auction will stay locally at Shands Children's Hospital and will help fund many much-needed programs, like the Arts in Medicine program.

Over 215 guests attended the event, which consisted of both a live and silent auction. Storm Roberts of 98.5 KTK, James Bates of Spike TV, and Ilene Silverman-Budd of CBS4/WGFL served, once again, as the auctioneers for the special evening. Children's Miracle Network "Champion" families joined our celebrity auctioneers on stage and shared their past and present experiences at Shands Children's Hospital with the art auction guests. Major donors from the live auction included Alex Garfield from New York City, the UF Pediatric Physicians and the associates of RE/MAX Professionals.

The silent auction consisted of ceramic platters, plates, and vases as well as painted canvases and terracotta pots all created to this year's theme of "On the Wings of Hope." Every item was accompanied by a powerful personal story of the child that created the piece and their motivation for creating the piece. The art for the event was done through the Arts in Medicine program at Shands,

which provides the arts for patients and families during their stay at Shands Children's Hospital. Arts in Medicine promotes and encourages healing through music, dance and the creative arts. Many of the artists are children waiting for organ transplants, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer, being treated for cystic fibrosis, to name a few. Their stories of hope and inspiration truly moved the guests to bid on the original art.

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Child" Art Auction include RE/MAX Professionals, Inc., Bank of America, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Central Florida Office Plus Framing Department, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Countrywide Mortgage, New South Federal Savings Bank, Millennium Bank, American First Mortgage, WKTK, WSKY, WGFL CBS 4, Cox Media, The Gainesville Sun, WRUF AM/FM, Beachmark Productions, Beechler Waters Printing, Double Envelope, Vista Graphics, ModernPostcard.com, Photography 35, Do Art, The Mail Room, Wood You Furniture, and Nancy's Plants. Central Florida Office Plus Framing Department donated all of the framing. Dinner was donated by Carrabba's Italian Grill.



Patrons check out the art!



Bid, Bid, Bid...



Ilene Silverman-Budd, Storm Roberts and James Bates during live auction with Hanna Peterson on stage.

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