



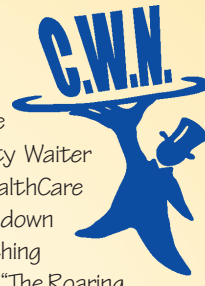
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“Celebrity Waiter Night” Celebrated 20 years and \$1 Million

The Annual Celebrity Waiter Night is one of the most entertaining and fun-filled events benefiting the Children’s Miracle Network at Shands Children’s Hospital. The 20th Annual Celebrity Waiter Night continued the tradition on May 16th, 2005. Shands HealthCare employees served as celebrity waiters at the Holloway Touchdown Terrace on the University of Florida campus. However, these waiters were, once again, anything but ordinary. Each celebrity waiter dressed up in creative costumes according to the theme “The Roaring 20s”. Diners were entertained not only by costumes, but with choreographed song and dance numbers from Men in Tails, The 1920s Gator Football Team, Flappers and Gangsters and the crowning of the 1st “Miss” America in Celebrity Waiter Night style.

This year, on the night of the event, more than \$161,000 was raised for the kids at Shands Children’s Hospital. Eleven departments from Shands HealthCare competed to raise these funds: Finance, Legal Services, Human Resources, Managed Care, Facilities Development, Information Services, Nursing, Operations, Pharmacy, Marketing & PR, and the UF Pediatric Physicians. The Shands “themed characters” waited on their guests throughout the night and tips for the evening were donated to the Children’s Miracle Network. Since 1986, more than \$1,109,000 has been raised for Children’s Miracle Network through Celebrity Waiter Night.

Patrons enjoyed different themes from the 1920s era as they dined on delectable Italian cuisine dinner catered by Napolitano’s Restaurant. Some of the highlights included **Facilities Development**, dressed as *Men in Tails*, doing a choreographed dance to a montage of 1920s songs. Brad Pollitt, Vice President of Facilities Development, made a stunning appearance as Ginger Rogers. **Facilities Development** maintained their top spot as the team raising the most money with more than \$77,000. The **Information Services** team was dressed as *Flappers and Gangsters*. Another team, the **Finance / Legal / Human Resources / Managed Care** team, took their patrons through the crowning of “Miss” Celebrity Waiter Night since the first Miss America took place in 1921. Jeff Jones, Vice President of Finance, debuted as “Miss Fortune”. The **Nursing / Operations / Pharmacy** team was dressed as *The 1920s Gator Football Team* with players and cheerleaders running a scrimmage and singing “We are the Boys” to their guests. Even though the Facilities Development Team won the fundraising competition, the kids at Shands Children’s Hospital are the real winners.



UF Physicians raised \$517.00 in tips.

Thanks to the Shands Healthcare Teams and sponsors who participated in the 2005 Celebrity Waiter Night!

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FSU Dance Marathon 2005.....



The 2005 Dance Marathon at Florida State University celebrated its 10-year anniversary on February 12th and 13th. The school raised approximately \$220,000 to benefit the children of Tallahassee and the surrounding areas who are treated at Shands Children’s Hospital in Gainesville, Florida. This year’s donation was record-breaking for FSU, which brought the school’s ten-year total amount of donations over the \$1 million mark.

Since August 2004, organizations on campus participated in various ways to raise money and awareness. Students wore “Noles4kids” t-shirts before every FSU home football game, made an appearance with the miracle children in the Homecoming parade, and held a D.A.N.C.E.R week to promote Dance Marathon each day. Other special events included a Lip Sync competition, a 5k Resolution Run, a high school Mini Dance Marathon and a flag football tournament with a family picnic.

The event involved more than 700 student volunteers who stayed awake and on their feet for 32 consecutive hours. The volunteers spent time with miracle families and enjoyed more than 30 entertainment acts- ranging from the FAMU drum line, dance teams, varsity athletes and local bands. This year’s theme, “A Decade of Miracles” represented 10 years of dedication from the students at Florida State University and their commitment to the cause.



Florida Atlantic University Dance Marathon raises over \$12,000 for the kids at Shands!

Florida Atlantic University held their 3rd Annual Dance Marathon on March 19th and 20th. Over 100 dancers participated in this year’s event, a tremendous increase from 40 dancers during the 2004 event. Thanks to the hard work of this years dancers and over all team, and the generosity of their supporters, the event was able raise more \$12,000, an increase of 70% over the prior year’s total.

This year’s event featured many different activities including salsa instructors and singers, belly dancers, a Latin Pop Band, face painting and a male beauty pageant. The Boca Raton Fire-Rescue Services Department also came out with their ladder-truck to entertain the miracle families that attended.

