

# Tally Awards Bring Out the Best of Tallahassee



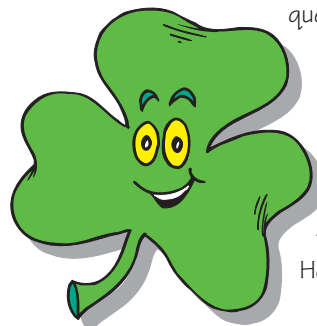
On Saturday, June 18th, the Inaugural Tally Awards were held in Tallahassee at TCC at the Capitol and the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science, sponsored by EverythingTallahassee.com. As the first ever “people choice awards,” awards were given to businesses that people in and around Tallahassee voted as “the best” of Tallahassee. Hosted by Steve and Sara of MAGIC 107.1, over 200 people attended the casino night where patrons used “funny money” to purchase tickets to increase their chances of winning more than 90 prizes, sampled delights from area caterers, and listened to stories from Shands Miracle Families in the Tallahassee area. All proceeds from the event benefited Children’s Miracle Network at Shands Children’s Hospital at the University of Florida.

## Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB Celebrate Fundraising for Children’s Miracle Network

The annual Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB Appreciation Day was held on Thursday, March 17, 2005. More than 200 associates representing stores and clubs from around West Palm Beach, Tallahassee, South Georgia, Daytona Beach and Gainesville attended the event held at the Hilton UF Conference Center hosted by Children’s Miracle Network. Dressed up in their best St. Patrick’s Day attire, they arrived with much anticipation to hear the winners of the 2004 awards and of the grand total raised. Among the special guest speakers welcoming the Associates and Managers were Macey DeViese, NICU Alumni, Shirley Rogers, Children’s Miracle Network Senior Vice President, and Barry Byrne, MD, Professor of Pediatric Cardiology, UF College of Medicine.

Each year, awards are presented to recognize the achievements accomplished by certain individuals and to highlight the outstanding efforts of stores and clubs who went above and beyond during the Children’s Miracle Network fundraising campaign. Awards included the Miracle Maker Awards, Spirit Awards, the WOW Awards and the Wagon Awards. Miracle Maker Awards are nominated by their peers to recognize their dedication and perseverance during the 2004 fundraising year. The WOW Award is presented for having the greatest percentage of increase in their fundraising effort from the previous year. In addition to the funds raised, a parade of wagons filled with much needed diversionary items such as, phone cards, board games, toiletries, and new stuffed animals, are donated to benefit the patient and families treated at Shands Children’s Hospital. The top-three wagons, decorated according event’s theme, receive the Wagon Awards. After the awards, the crowd stood up and cheered when the grand total of \$384,587.51 was announced for the fundraising year 2004. Since 1988,

Wal-Mart and SAM’S CLUB has raised more than \$5 million for Children’s Miracle Network at Shands Children’s Hospital. Following the banquet ceremony, Associates and Managers toured Shands Children’s Hospital.



A special recognition to Shands Safety, Security, and Transportation and Shands Healthcare professionals who volunteered their time in assisting Children’s Miracle Network during the event and for their dedication in providing the best quality of care to the patients treated at Shands Children’s Hospital.



Wal-Mart Day 2005, Fort Pierce Team, Store # 929



Wal-Mart Day 2005, Quincy Team, Store # 488