



SOUTH WALTON BEACHES WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL



Photo Caption: Founding partners and sponsors of South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival present \$15,000 check to Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation to benefit children's charities, Sept. 8, 2017.

Back row L to R: Rhonda Murray, Rowland Publishing Inc.; Tanya Rauch, Resortquest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals; Sarah Ralph, Resortquest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals; Lynn Wesson, Howard Group; Stacey Brady, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin; Brenda Salvage, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin; Melissa Vidaurre, DCWAF; **Front row L to R:** Myra Williams, Howard Group; Chelsea Calhoun, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin; Chan Cox, Wine World; Bill Bubel, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin; John Russell, DCWAF; Karah Fridley-Young, DCWAF; Kate Mikos, DCWAF.

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Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation Receives \$15,000 from South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival

Children's charities benefit from festival proceeds

Miramar Beach, Fla., (Sept. 13, 2017) – The annual [South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival](#) donated \$15,000 to [Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation](#) (DCWAF) to support 15 children's charities in Northwest Florida. The charity wine festival, founded by Chan Cox of Wine World, designates DCWAF as the sole recipient of the net proceeds of the event. More than 4,000 people attended the 2017 festival.

“Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation was honored to be the benefiting Charity of South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival. Our partnership with South Walton Beaches Wine and Food Festival has grown over the past years from a business relationship to something resembling a family enterprise. The result is a seamless coming together of two great wine events on the same weekend to benefit the children of Northwest Florida. It is an honor and a privilege to work side by side to make a difference for kids who need so much,” said John Russell, President of DCWAF.

Destin Charity Wine Auction was held during the wine and food festival and raised \$2.7 million dollars for the charitable organizations to address hunger, homelessness, abuse, and physical and mental disorders for thousands of children in Northwest Florida communities.

South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival took place April 27-30, 2017 in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, a mixed-use Town Center located along South Walton's picturesque Northwest Florida beaches. More than 800 wines, poured by dozens of noted national and international wine celebrities, highlighted the festival. The Savor South Walton Culinary Village showcased local chefs and presented sold out tasting seminars.

Entertainment at the festival was provided by a who's who of Nashville songwriters who performed as part of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association's (FRLA) “Nashville Songwriters Florida Sunshine Tour.”

Festival founding partners include Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation, [Visit South Walton Tourist Development Council](#), Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, [Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa](#), Wine World of Northwest Florida and Grand Boulevard at Sandestin®.

The 2018 South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival takes place April 26 – 29.

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