



SOUTH WALTON BEACHES WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL



Photo Caption: Founding partners and sponsors of South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival present \$20,000 check to Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation to benefit children's charities, Oct. 3, 2018. **L to R:** Erin Story, Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa; Rhonda Murray, Rowland Publishing Inc.; Chan Cox, Wine World; Fontella Hardman; Chelsea Calhoun, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin; John Russell, DCWAF; Doug Ingram, Coastal Accounting; Karah Fridley-Young, DCWAF; Lynn Wesson, Howard Group; Kate MacMillan, DCWAF; Bill Bubel, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin; Melissa Vidaurre; Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation; Tanya Rauch, Resortquest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals; Stacey Brady, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin; Myra Williams, Howard Group; Darla Harrison, Rowland

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Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation Receives \$20,000 from South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival

Children's charities benefit from festival proceeds

Miramar Beach, Fla., (Oct. 22, 2018) – The annual [South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival](#) donated \$20,000 to [Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation](#) (DCWAF) to support 16 children's charities in Northwest Florida on Oct. 3, 2018. 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 4,500 people attended the 2018 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 is extremely beneficial to the DCWAF mission to help children in need in 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 26-29, 2018 in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, a mixed-use development 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®. Wine Enthusiast Media is a presenting sponsor, Resortquest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals is the Official Lodging Sponsor and Rowland Publishing Inc. is the Official Media Sponsor of the festival.

The 2019 South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival takes place April 25 – 28.

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