



## SOUTH WALTON BEACHES WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL



**Photo Caption:** Founding partners and sponsors of South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival present \$30,000 check to Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation (DCWAF) to benefit children's charities, Aug. 29, 2019. **L to R:** Basil Wanke with owner Brittini Wanke, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin®; Marcus Budig, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin®; Katie O'Connor, Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa; John Russell, DCWAF; Lynn Wesson, Howard Group; Bill Bubel, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin® and Howard Group; Karah Fridley-Young, DCWAF; Melissa Vidaurre, DCWAF; Chan Cox, Wine World; Stacey Brady, Grand Boulevard at Sandestin®; Zandra Wolfgram, Emerald Coast Magazine and Rowland Publishing Inc.

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## **Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation Receives \$30,000 from South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival**

*Children's charities benefit from festival proceeds*

**Miramar Beach, Fla., (Aug. 30, 2019)** – The annual [South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival](#) donated \$30,000 to [Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation](#) (DCWAF) to support 16 children's charities in Northwest Florida on Aug. 29, 2019. 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 2019 festival.

“Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation is 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 \$3.6 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 25-28, 2019 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 Wine World restaurants and an exclusive menu created by festival Culinary Director, Scott Plumley. Sold-out tasting seminars were presented by featured celebrities during the Grand Tastings.

Entertainment at the festival was provided by a who's who of Nashville songwriters who performed as part of the Nashville Songwriters Florida Sunshine Tour sponsored by Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and VISIT FLORIDA, in conjunction with BMI Nashville.

Festival founding partners include Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation, [Visit South Walton Tourist Development Council](#), Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association and VISIT FLORIDA, [Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa](#), Wine World of Northwest Florida and Grand Boulevard at Sandestin®. ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals is the Official Lodging Sponsor and Rowland Publishing Inc. is the Official Media Sponsor of the festival.

The 2020 South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival takes place April 23 – 26.

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