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"I joined Rotary for business and fellowship...I stayed to change the world!"

Dear Friend,

On May 4, 2019, the Rockledge Rotary Foundation is excited to host its 18th Annual Space Coast Derby Day signature charity fundraising event at the Wickham Park Equestrian Center in Melbourne, FL. Last year with the generosity of yourself and other sponsors, donors and attendees, we raised over \$50,000 to put right back in our community to meet the needs of Brevard County families. Our primary beneficiaries remain the same this year, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida, Crosswinds Youth Services of Cocoa, and Hidden Acres Rescue for Thoroughbreds in Port St. John.

Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with seriously ill children. Proceeds from the event supports their Central Florida chapter which serves Brevard County families direct. **Crosswinds Youth Services**, through its many programs, assist over 3000 Brevard youths and their families each year helping vulnerable young people overcome serious issues such as homelessness, abuse and neglect, delinquency, truancy and other challenges. **Hidden Acres Rescue for Thoroughbreds** provides a foster facility for retiring OTTBs (Off-the-Track-Thoroughbreds), many of which sometimes face lonely, unproductive, or even unthinkable lives after retiring from racing.

This premiere fundraising event is hosted in an upscale tent with live music, live charity horse races, fantastic live and silent auctions, and dinner by Carrabba's Italian Grill. The Kentucky Derby race will be shown live on all of our large screens.

It is our goal to raise \$80,000 this year. While it is an all-hands-on-deck effort for the Rockledge Rotary membership, the generosity of local donors to provide gifts and services to be auctioned or raffled off at the event is crucial for success.

Please see the enclosed flyer. Please note that the item you provide will be auctioned will have several hundred people considering a bid for your special item. Please contact Gary Neal at GaryN@meconstruction.com to schedule pickup/coordination, or for small cash or gift card donation please mail to the Rockledge Rotary Foundation, Inc., PO Box 560556, Rockledge, FL 32956.

We cannot thank you enough for your **tax deductible donation** to make a difference in the lives of so many families in Brevard County. We invite you to attend this exciting event where so many come to give and have a great time doing so.

We would also like to invite you to this spectacular event. Please visit www.spacecoastderbyday.com to purchase tickets or to sponsor. Thank you again for your support.

With Kindest Regards,

Gary Neal, Rockledge Rotary President 2018-2019

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