



Dear Friend,

On May 1, 2021, Rockledge Rotary Foundation is excited to host its 20th Annual Space Coast Derby Day charity event. Coinciding with the running of the Kentucky Derby, this year's event features a few new wrinkles. The event will combine in-person and virtual participation (of course, we will be adhering to all social-distancing requirements). We are starting with a golf tournament at Turtle Creek Golf Club, followed by a party at Twisted Birch Restaurant with live and silent auctions and heavy gourmet hors d'oeuvres. We will have bourbon tasting along with all the other fun activities people have come to enjoy at our annual event, including a live stream of the Kentucky Derby, hat contest, charitable wagering, and more.

Our primary beneficiaries include: **Crosswinds Youth Services**, located in Cocoa, that assists 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. **The Salvation Army**, North Central Brevard, that provides basic needs such as food, utility assistances, rental assistances, personal hygiene kits and counseling. They also provide Emergency Disaster Service – in an event of a disaster, they mobilize the new mobile kitchen and provide meals and counseling. There is also a Domestic Violence Program that offers safe house, support services, counseling, and 24 hour hot line. **Hidden Acres Rescue for Thoroughbreds (HART)**, that rehabilitates, retrains and rehomes Off The Track Thoroughbreds, many of which face unthinkable situations after retiring from racing. HART also helps locally abused and neglected horses. In addition, HART provides opportunities for local youth and adults to learn more about horses and how they can make a difference in the lives of the people who care for them. **Rockledge Rotary Foundation**, that raises funds and make charitable donations in alignment with the mission and goals of Rockledge Rotary Club. Our mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving health, supporting education and the alleviating of poverty.

Although this event is an all-hands-on-deck event for Rockledge Rotary members, we cannot do it without the support of local donors who sponsor our event and provide gifts and services to be auctioned or raffled at our event.

Please see the enclosed flyers explaining the event and outlining sponsorship opportunities. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, please visit spacecoastderbyday.com or contact Donna Manfredi at 847-989-4248.

Thank you again for your support!

Lisa Morrison, Rockledge Rotary President, 2020-2021.