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Local Realtors Raise Over \$1800 for Charities

(Emerald Coast, Fla) – The Emerald Coast Association of Realtors (ECAR) Realtor Outreach Committee conducted the third annual Dessert Auction, May 21, 2010 and raised more than \$1800 for two local charities. Desserts of every kind were auctioned, from cheesecakes to dog treats. The proceeds of the auction this year will be split evenly between Shelter House and the Muscogee Indian Tribe located in Bruce, FL.

Shelter House serves the survivors of domestic violence across Okaloosa and Walton counties. Their goal is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing support, including emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence; education and advocacy; and to promote community awareness.

The Muscogee Nation of Florida is a tribe of Creek Indian people whose home is centered in Bruce, FL located in Walton County. The tribe has lived in the Bruce area for 150 years. Their portion of the proceeds will go towards the creation of a recreational area for families – to serve as a hub for community life.

Businesses who donated to this year's auction include Unleashed Bakery & Style, The Red Bar, Publix of Mary Esther, Brooks Street Publix in Fort Walton Beach, Stinky's Fish Camp on 30A, Mulhollow's Bistro, 3 Dogs & A Chick Bakery, The Crab Trap, Olive Garden, Mary's Kitchen, Cuvee Bistro, Waken Baken, O'Charley's, Shelter House, Cake Masters, The Back Porch, La Famiglia, Bon Appétit, Aegean Restaurant, Callahan's Restaurant and Deli, Cheeseburger in Paradise, and Joey Tomato's.

Individual donors were Dawn Hoffman, Beach Community Mortgage; Jane Judkins, Rosewood Realty; Sam Kinkaid, Re/Max Paradise; Linda Kirkpatrick, Mortgage One of the South; Linda Harraway, Century 21 Wimco; Kay Ingram, Wayne Patton Realty; Liana Radell, Mortgage One of the South; Mary Beth Yancey, Mortgage One of the South; Jim Whatley, Über Realty and Mindy Barrett, Marina Cove Realty; Kitty Taylor, Grayton Coast Properties; and Monica Dix, ECAR staff.



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The dessert auction was held at the May 21 ECAR Membership Luncheon at the Ramada Inn on Okaloosa Island. Thanks to all the businesses and individuals who donated desserts for this year's auction.

For more information about Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, go to www.EmeraldCoastRealtors.com. To learn more about Shelter House, click on www.shelterhousenwfl.org or call 850-243-1201. To find out how you can help the Muscogee Nation of Florida, contact Opportunity Inc. at 850-409-3070 or go online to www.okaloosawaltonhomeless.org.

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