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A HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS PARTY A SUCCESS

FORT MYERS, FL. – Nov. 18, 2015 – The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) is reporting their 6th annual A Home For The Holiday Gala, held at Fiddlesticks Country Club on November 7, raised \$184,910. “Every year our A Home For The Holiday event gets better and better thanks to our sponsors, auction donors, friends and supporters. This annual fundraiser is how we continue to do the work we do and provide the needed attention to the companion pets in our care,” said Jennifer Galloway, Executive Director.

This year GCHS also introduced a public service awareness and financial assistance campaign on the prevention and treatment for heartworms. The attendees at the gala were asked to support this campaign with a financial pledge and a portion of the total of raised funds at the event will help with this important campaign. GCHS sees too many pets that come to the shelter already infected with heartworm disease. Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets. Fortunately this disease is completely preventable. Unfortunately many in our community either don’t understand the importance or have the funding for treatment.

All monies raised via the live and silent auctions as well as the heartworm campaign go directly to benefit the pets in the Gulf Coast Humane Society’s care.

GCHS would like to thank their event sponsors: Jacoby & Nealon, Coconut Point Ford, Schoo Management, All About Closets, Specialized Veterinary Services, Capital Accounting Group, FineMark Bank, Flight Docs, David Lucas, Animal Eye Doctors, Case Life Solutions, United Mechanical, Cornerstone Builders of SWFL, Wayne Smith Family Trust, Almost Home Dog Boarding, Hahn and Loeser, EG Contracting Company, Edison National Bank, Brenna, Manna, & Diamond, Fred & Jean Allegretti Foundation, Mast Family, Culligan, Lott & Gaylor, Invisible Fence of Southwest Florida, Ron Jon Surf Shop, College of Life Foundation, Inc., Boats n More, LLC, Dan & Kathy Adams, Patrick Sweeney, Remax Realty Group, Emma Rao/Touch of Italy & Malt Realty, Don & Karen Halucha, Metro Power Systems, Inc., Capital Wealth Advisors, Patterson Veterinary, Zoetis, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, Sharon & Doug Henderson, Arlene Silver, Raymond Interiors, Merck, and Elanco. GCHS would like to give a special thank you to Provident Jewelry, Prestige Printing, Alli Bell and Fiddlesticks Country Club for their services.

Gulf Coast Humane Society, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, was established as the first non-profit animal welfare organization in southwest Florida in 1947. The 501(c)(3) mission is to rescue, provide safe refuge and compassionate care, and find forever homes for abandoned and neglected animals in the area. GCHS only takes in owner surrendered and transfers from other shelters and rescue groups with a high success rate of adoptions. Their veterinary clinic is open to the public and offers a full array of affordable services six days a week. For more information about the events with the Gulf Coast Humane Society call 239-332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.