

# SAVE THE DATE



■ **Tumaini Fund USA** holds its annual "Colors of Hope" gala Saturday, March 19, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. The evening will raise funds to help AIDS orphans and widows in the Kagera region of north-west Tanzania, one of the poorest regions of the world. Tickets for \$95 include valet parking, buffet dinner, two drinks tickets and the opportunity to bid for fine artwork, luxury travel packages, jewelry and more in live and silent auctions. Susan Wilson, the CEO and founder of Tumaini Fund USA, will make a presentation about the organization's work. For tickets or more information, call Grace Gokturk at (501) 454-8428, email [info@tumainifundusa.org](mailto:info@tumainifundusa.org) or visit [tumainifundusa.org](http://tumainifundusa.org).



■ The annual Old Bags Luncheon and silent auction of more than 300 new and previously loved handbags to benefit **The Shelter for Abused**

**Women & Children** takes place Thursday, March 24, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. The event includes a show of fashions by Akris and Akris Punto from Saks Fifth Avenue. Tickets for \$250 are available at [naplesshelter.org/oldbags](http://naplesshelter.org/oldbags).



■ The 10th anniversary celebration of the Naples Music Festival to benefit the **Garden of Hope and Courage** takes place from 6-10 p.m. Sunday, April 3, at Naples Botanical Garden, with entertainment by Mudbone, jazz singer Nicole Henry and The World Class Rockers (an all-star lineup of musicians from Boston, Journey, Steppenwolf, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Santana). Richard D'Amico of Lurcat Catering is designing the evening's menu. Tickets range from \$400 for individuals to \$10,000 for a 10-Year Anniversary sponsor package. For more information, call 434-6697 or visit [gardenofhopeandcourage.org](http://gardenofhopeandcourage.org).

■ The students of the **Florida Gulf Coast University School of Resort and Hospitality Management** host the 27th annual Wanderlust auction and gala Saturday, March 19, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. The African safari-themed evening includes dinner, wine and silent and live auctions filled with travel packages. Tickets are \$200. Table and event sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorships and

auction item donations are also being accepted. For more information, visit [fgcu.edu/wanderlust](http://fgcu.edu/wanderlust).



■ The ninth annual Boots & Boogie Bash to benefit **Friends of Foster Children Forever** kicks up its heels Saturday, April 2, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception followed by a Texas-style dinner, silent and live auctions, entertainment by P'zazz and dancing to the Blue Stone Circle Band. Among the eight live auction items is a custom-built Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Tickets for \$250 (\$350 for patrons, \$3,000 for a table) can be purchased at [friendsoffosterchildren.net](http://friendsoffosterchildren.net) or by calling 262-1808. Various sponsorship levels are available. For information, email [Tara@friendsoffosterchildren.net](mailto:Tara@friendsoffosterchildren.net).



■ The **Naples Art Association** holds the 12th annual Goddess Night on Thursday, April 7, at The von Liebig Art Center. Arthrex is the title sponsor of the evening of friendship, empowerment, education and philanthropy for women. A champagne reception and seated dinner are followed by various speaker sessions. This year's keynote speaker is Chief Stephanie Spell of the community engagement department of the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

Tickets for \$130 are available at [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org). Table sponsorships are available by calling 262-6517.



■ Taste of Freedom, the inaugural fundraiser for the **Southwest Florida Regional Human Trafficking Coalition**, takes place from 6-9:30 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers. The evening includes a live auction, a raffle for a 24-month lease on a 2016 Lexus, live entertainment and numerous food and wine stations. Tickets for \$75 are available at [swfl-humantrafficking.org](http://swfl-humantrafficking.org).

■ The **Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida** celebrates its 15th anniversary with "Our Triumph" on Wednesday evening, April 13, at the Naples Yacht Club. The evening of festivities will



include recognition of the Jack and F.E. Nortman family for their loan to the museum of the World War II boxcar that is a major component of The Boxcar Project traveling education program. Co-chairs of the event are Estelle Price and Diane McGinty; committee members are Phyllis Caplan, Jane Evans, Paula Iacampo, Maureen Lerner, Barbara Meek, Michael Nortman, Hadassah Schulman and Nancy White. Tickets start at \$275. For reservations or more information, call Amy Snyder at 263-9200 or email [amy@holocaustmuseumsfwl.org](mailto:amy@holocaustmuseumsfwl.org).



■ **United Cerebral Palsy** of Southwest Florida presents Celebrate the Stars on Thursday evening, April 14, in the ballroom at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. A reception starts at 6 p.m. and the awards dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50, and sponsorship opportunities are available. For reservations or more information, call 643-5338, email [cassandrabeaver@sunrisegroup.org](mailto:cassandrabeaver@sunrisegroup.org) or visit [naples-UCP-SWFL.org](http://naples-UCP-SWFL.org).



■ **Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation** hosts its biennial Time to Remember gala, a celebration of those who are surviving and thriving after a cancer diagnosis, Saturday, April 16, The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Patty Baker is chairing the event, proceeds from which help the foundation assist adult cancer patients with immediate, non-medical living expenses while they are undergoing treatment. The evening includes cocktail hour, dinner, a live auction and a live performance by Martha Reeves and The Vandellas. Tickets are \$600. For more information, call (941) 677-7181 or visit [foundation.flcancer.com/time](http://foundation.flcancer.com/time).



■ The eighth annual Barristers Bash to benefit **Legal Aid Service of Collier County** takes place the evening of Thursday, April 28, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for \$125 include cocktail hour, a three-course dinner and one glass of wine, silent auction, live auction and a community awards ceremony. For tickets or more information, call 775-4555. ■

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