

# 6th Annual A Few Good Men Gala Raises \$800,000 for Children's Medical Treatments

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It was a record-breaking, stunning, spectacular evening!

In only six years the Ronald McDonald House has created one of the largest, most successful fundraising events in Long Beach. On Oct. 29 there were close to 1,200 attendees at the 6th Annual A Few Good Men Gala, held at the Pacific Ballroom at Long Beach Arena.

More than \$800,000 was raised to help fund more than 6,000 room nights for families who have seriously ill children receiving treatment at nearby medical facilities.

Guests were greeted with champagne at their red carpet arrival. Inside it was "meet and greet" with viewing and bidding on the spectacular array of silent auction items. It was a lively cocktail party with delicious hors d'oeuvres and electronic bidding. Some of the items offered were a week in a Scottish Castle; Amsterdam: Arts and Culture; Six Day African Safari for two; and Glamping in Zion. The unique live auction experiences, designed and donated by each Honoree, were described to whet the appetite.

Following sumptuous dining and introductions by Executive Director Cheri Bazley, Arafat Salvador told her heart-wrenching and heart-warming story of her experience at the Ronald McDonald House during her baby's hospitalization. Master of Ceremony and Auctioneer Randy Gordon was over-the-top with the enthusiastic response to "the Ask."

Following this exciting beginning, the high energy Class of 2019 Honorees were presented. The Honorees were: Fred Abdelnour, Craig Barto, Michael Brascia, Lindsay Hughes, Alan Knipe, Kevin Malloy, Thomas E. Malloy, Sheriff Jim McDonnell (retired), Nasir Tejani, M.D., Chris Wacker, Randy Wilson, Don Wylie. They wore ensembles provided by The Black Tux, brought the house down with their creative, energetic, exciting and talented performances. It was great fun!

The honorees put together interesting packages for live auction bidding. Fred Abdelnour offered a VIP Day of Disney; Craig Barto an Exclusive Orcas Island Getaway; Christmas in New York City for Two from Michael Brascia; there was Something for Everyone! Including an LA VIP Sports, Travel and Entertainment from Lindsay Hughes; Alan Knipe offered Private Flight to CA Central Coast for Six; a week at Lake Arrowhead Home for Eight came from the Malloy's; Sheriff Jim McDonnell (retired) Exclusive Dining and Universal Experience; Dr. Nasir Tejani Paso Robles:

Wine, Dine and Unwind; Chris Wacker a week for two in Maui; the Ultimate Experience for the NASCAR Fan was offered by Randy Wilson; and a Rock and Roll Roots Tour for Two in Tennessee offered by Don Wylie.

Next year's event is Oct. 14, 2020.

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