

Thanks to the tremendous support of club managers, vendor partners, businesses and individuals, the Everglades Region of the Florida Chapter CMAA (Club Managers Association of America) Charity Classic has become a huge success. Over the past 19 years, millions of dollars have been raised to support local charities for children with life threatening diseases.

In 2015, the Everglades Chapter surpassed its commitment to contribute \$500,000 to Barbara's Friends – Golisano Children's Hospital Cancer Fund. This year's event proceeds will benefit Barbara's Friends, the Youth Haven in Naples and the Florida Gulf Coast University Hospitality Program. The Annual Gala will be held on October 23 at The Naples Yacht Club and the Golf Tournament on October 24 at Wyndemere Country Club.

A key focus of the Charity Gala is our silent and live auction. The auction is always a fun filled event that helps us achieve our charity goal. We are looking for packages and experiences that will not be found at other auctions and thus create a greater desire to bid and raise money for our charities. We need your support in soliciting silent and live auction donations for this event. Please help us create special items that will be a hit with our bidders while benefiting a worthwhile cause.

We recommend unique experiences, chef's dinners, vacation getaways, unique sporting venues, winery tours, fishing packages, gift baskets, spa packages, and jewelry. Consider pairing items together- as an example, pair a catered dinner with the use of a private beach home or dinner on a yacht makes an exceptional experience.

In recognition of your contribution, the donor will be listed in the printed program which will be distributed to all gala attendees as well as all club managers after the event.

On behalf of all CMAA members, we are very grateful for your continued support in our local community. Our deadline for items is September 15 and we look forward to your participation. Please complete the attached donor form for each item and email to lisa@eventfulinc.com.

With warm regards,

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