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Dancing, Donations...And All That Jazz
Hospitality House Announces Results of Local Celebrity Dance Competition Benefitting Families in Medical Crisis

TULSA, Okla. (Sept.16, 2010) – With the next season of ABC’s “Dancing with the Stars” just around the corner, Hospitality House of Tulsa has just wrapped up their own their own celebrity dance competition and is excited to announce the results of their first annual “A Time to Dance with our Stars” fundraising gala, featuring some amazing local celebrities that “danced the night away” for families in medical crisis on Saturday, Sept. 11.

“The evening was a blast. We had a packed house, selling over 200 tickets to guests that came to enjoy the food, auction, dancing, and of course, see their favorite local celebrities compete for the mirror ball trophy. Our celebrity dancers and their instructors ‘wowed the crowd’ with their performances. They worked very hard for this event, and they did an amazing job,” says Toni Moore, President and CEO of The Hospitality House of Tulsa.

“The People’s Choice Award” went to KJRH Meteorologist, Julie Chin, and her instructor Jon Hamilton of All Star Ballroom Dance Company. They were the crowd favorite with their energetic Swing, tallying the most audience votes for the evening. Fox 23 Sport Director, Steve Layman, and his instructor, Rachel Morris of Ballroom Revolution, took home the award for “Best Choreography” with their Fox Trot. KWHB 47 “Press on Fitness” Host, Miranda Burcham, and her instructor, Jay Ray of Ballroom Revolution, were awarded “Best On-Stage Chemistry” for their firey Salsa. KTUL Meteorologist and Weather Producer, Phil Price, and his instructor, Deborah DeLaney of Ballroom Revolution, were awarded “Best Dance Technique” for their Rumba. The award for “Best Costume” went to Mrs. Green Country, Sasha Townsend, and her instructor, Ryan McDaniel of Ballroom Revolution, for their Tango attire. Broadcaster for Tulsa Oilers, Steve McCall, and his instructor, Sarah Hamilton of Allstar Ballroom Dance, waltzed away with the Rising Star Award as the most improved dancer and outstanding instructor.

And now, the moment we’ve all been waiting for...the winners of The Hospitality House of Tulsa’s “A Time to Dance with Our Stars” 2010, who went home with the coveted mirror ball trophy are (drum roll please) Sasha Townsend, Mrs. Green Country 2010 and Ryan McDaniel of Ballroom Revolution!

The awards for the night were determined by the judges' scores, pre-event text voting, and people's choice voting at the event. The dance couple with the highest combined score of all three categories received the mirror ball trophy. The panel of judges who critiqued the dancers and kept the room laughing included Professional Ballroom Judge, Jim Wright; Channel 8 "Good Day Tulsa" anchor, Kristin Dickerson; and Hospitality House Volunteer and St. John Nurse, Josh Thomas. Jeff Brucculeri was the comedic host for the evening, serving as the master of ceremonies, while Jay Litchfield, "Tulsa's Charity Auctioneer" got the crowd fired up and ready to donate. More than 10,000 text votes came in from supporters in the community.

"Although each dancing couple went home with their much-deserved awards, the real winners are the families served by Hospitality House of Tulsa, which provides a 'home away from home' for families facing medical crisis." says Moore.

Presenting sponsors include The Mary K. Chapman Foundation, Ballroom Revolution Dance Studio, All Star Dance Company and, United States Beef Corp. "Arby's". "Tango" sponsors include St. John Medical Center and Tulsa Adjustment Bureau. "Swing" sponsors include First Bank of Owasso, Martin and Bonnie Reinhart and M.J. Executive Management, Inc. "Mambo" sponsors include Louis Blosch Agency, Arvest Bank, First National Bank & Trust Company of BA. "Cha cha cha" sponsors include The Orthopedic Center, Ballroom Dancers of Tulsa, and Black and Pink Dance.

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The Hospitality House of Tulsa is a 501(c)(3) charity that provides lodging and support services to families living 30 miles outside the Tulsa area caring for loved ones who are inpatients in all Tulsa area hospitals.

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