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Allegro Foundation's 2015 Ambassador's Ball Benefits Children Living with Disabilities.



Sophie and Lorenzo Ravano, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Monaco; Ambassador Maguy Maccario Doyle of Monaco; Felix Sabates; Kim LeCompte; and Suzie and Nick Trivisonno, Friends of Allegro

Allegro Foundation... a Champion for Children with Disabilities held their annual Black Tie Ambassador's Ball at a private club in South Charlotte on January 10, 2015. For this year's Ball, Allegro's Board of Directors chose to honor Felix Sabates for being the host of the gala for the past five years at his Mercedes-Benz of South Charlotte dealership.

Felix has been a close friend and supporter of the Allegro Foundation for nearly a decade. As the host of the Ambassador's Ball for many years, Felix has seen the event grow each year. The Ball is Allegro's primary source of yearly funding and without the generous support of donors, like Mr. Sabates, Allegro would not be able to touch the lives of more than 700 children living with disabilities annually.

On the night of the 6th Annual Ambassador's Ball, Sabates was surrounded by loved ones including his daughter Mimi, and his granddaughters Carly and Victoria. As a special treat, the guests were joined by Her Excellency, Maguy Maccario Doyle, Monaco's new Ambassador to the United States, as she flew in to attend the event and help Allegro pay tribute to Mr. Sabates for his work with children living with disabilities.

Also joining the Sabates family and the Ambassador of Monaco honoring Felix were prominent individuals consisting of NASCAR President Mike Helton; Charlotte Business Leaders including Johnny Harris of Lincoln Harris, Peter Fioretti of

Mountain Real Estate Capital, Ric Elias of Red Ventures, Ken Gill of CPI Security Systems, Jesse Cureton of Novant Health; Charlotte Attorneys Bill Diehl and Charles Monnett; past and present US Politicians including Erskine Bowles, Sue Myrick,



Jesse Cureton of Novant Health, Angela Cureton and Allegro Board Member Arlene Ferebee of Novant Health danced the night away with Ambassador Ball guests to the fabulous tunes of the Black & Blue Experience.



Junior Johnson, NASCAR Hall of Fame, and Lisa Johnson; Felix Sabates and US Congressman Robert Pittenger

Congressman Robert Pittenger, and key sports figures including retired Charlotte Bobcats player Matt Carroll were just a few of the names present that evening to help make a difference in the lives of children living with disabilities through Allegro's Movement Education programs in Charlotte and the Fort Mill areas.

The night was emceed by WCNC's Larry Sprinkle and consisted of speeches paying tribute to Mr. Sabates, a video tribute from Allegro to Sabates which included a message personally recorded by NASCAR owner Brian France, a four course meal, an incredible Live and Silent auction consisting of trips to Turks and Caicos and Atlantis, a private suite to see Taylor Swift in concert, all-expense paid shopping trips to Phillips Place, beautiful jewelry from Perry's of Southpark, and more. The night was capped off with the Black & Blue Experience – a 12 piece band that had the entire club dancing all night!

A final announcement was made that evening that Allegro Foundation had received confirmation from the Embassy of Canada in Washington, DC that the Canadian Ambassador is excited to be the Honorary Guest for the 2016 Ambassador's Ball being held on Saturday January 9th, 2016.

If you are interested in learning more about Allegro Foundation and their Annual Ambassador's Ball, please visit www.AllegroFoundation.net or give Stephen Davis, Allegro's Communication & Marketing Specialist, a call at 704-412-5229. *

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