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The Patriot Charities 2015 Bag Lady Luncheon supports local disabled military heroes and their families



The Patriot Charities 2015 Bag Lady Luncheon was held on April 28 at Trump National Golf Club. Over 300 ladies bid on over 400 new and gently used designer handbags, jewelry and other luxury items to raise money to build a home for a local service-disabled military hero and family. Funds will also support a service dog for a local military hero.

Sheri Lynch of the Bob & Sheri Show was emcee. Lorraine Dungan, Jodie Wideseck and Paula Boykin were Co-Chairs for the event and worked with a committee of over 40 ladies to make the event possible. Jaimie Tessner and his service dog, Decimo, also attended the luncheon.

The Patriot Charities Bag Lady Luncheon is held every other year. This is the second event for this fundraiser, and it has sold out both dates. Spring 2017 is scheduled to be the next event.

For more information visit www.patriotcharities.org and follow Patriot Charities on facebook *



The Patriot Gala Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Patriot Gala will be held Saturday, November 7 at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte. This is the annual black-tie fundraiser for The Patriot Charities, a local grassroots 501c3 non-profit organization that raises funds and awareness of wounded military and their families in the Carolinas. The Patriot Charities is celebrating their 10th anniversary. The Patriot Gala is Charlotte's premier black-tie event and is highly anticipated by supporters, sponsors and volunteers alike. The evening features live and silent auctions, a live band, the best of food and wine and a moving tribute to our Fallen Angels from the Carolinas, followed by the Firing of the Volleys. Erica Bryant, WSOC-TV Eyewitness News Anchor, emcees this emotion-packed evening.

Featured again this year is CJ and Brother Max, 14 and 12-years old respectively, who have been playing gigs all year to raise money for their second service dog to present to a PTSD veteran at The Patriot Gala. Three additional service dogs will be awarded at this year's Gala to veterans suffering from PTSD.

The Patriot Gala is expected to sell out again this year, so organizers recommend early ticket purchases. Tickets are currently on sale August 1 at www.patriotcharities.org. Individual tickets are available, as well as tables and company sponsorships. For more information, call 704.496.2794 or email info@patriotcharities.org. Past sponsors include Piedmont Natural Gas, Babson Capital, Ernst & Young, Capitala, UTC Aerospace Systems, Crutchfield Capital, Diamonds Direct, Neiman Marcus and Hewlett-Packard. *



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