

The Stanley Cup Arrives in Charlotte in Honor of Allegro Foundation

The Ambassador's Ball was a great night for children living with disabilities



Allegro Foundation... a Champion for Children with Disabilities held their 7th annual Ambassador's Ball on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. The event was graciously hosted by Mr. Felix Sabates with Guest of Honor His Excellency Gary Doer, Ambassador of Canada to the United States. Joining Ambassador Doer was Atlanta Consul General Louise Blais and Honorary Consul for North and South Carolina Scott Cutler.

The event, emceed by Allegro Board member Larry Sprinkle from WCNC-TV, was attended by several of Charlotte's prominent business and community leaders including Ally Bank CEO Jeff Brown, Carolina Panthers Head Coach Ron Rivera, Attorney Charles Monnett, CPI Security CEO Ken Gill, Domtar CEO John D. Williams, Novant Health's Jesse Cureton, SteelFab CEO Ron Sherrill, and US Congressman Robert Pittenger, just to name a few.

A beautiful Silent Auction enticed guests with trips, art, jewelry, and unique experiences. The Live Auction, facilitated by auctioneer Ernest Perry of Perry's Fine Jewelry, featured several items including a unique Anne Neilson painting, a trip to Canada, a Private Suite to see Maroon 5 in concert, a Mercedes Benz, two Super Bowl 50 tickets, and a one-of-a-kind oil on canvas painting by August Vernon with assistance from the Children of Allegro.

The real excitement came during the presentation by the Children of Allegro. After the children took their bows and smiled as the audience cheered and applauded, Ambassador Doer approached the podium. The double doors to the ballroom swung open, and the one and only Stanley Cup was ushered in by NHL guards. Ambassador Doer had the Cup brought in especially for Allegro in honor of their work for children with disabilities and all the sponsors at the 2016 Ambassador's Ball.

The success of the event was due in large part to the many sponsors and volunteers that gave generously of their financial resources and time. Their efforts directly impact Allegro's Movement Education programs which are offered FREE of charge to the children living with disabilities and their families.

The 8th Annual Ambassador's Ball will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Sponsorship are now available. If you or your company are interested in being a part of this incredible annual event, please reach out to Stephen Davis, Allegro's Marketing & Communications Specialist, at 704-412-5229 or at stephend@allegrofoundation.net. You can also learn more about Allegro by visiting them on the web at www.AllegroFoundation.net.

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Pictured at left, top row: The Children of Allegro showed what they can do for guests including Coach Ron Rivera, Stephanie Rivera and Shaundra Adams.

Middle row: Host Felix Sabates, Allegro Board member and emcee Larry Sprinkle, and Canadian Ambassador Gary Doer. Coach Ron Rivera with Chancellor Lee Adams. Allegro Foundation's Founder & President Pat Farmer with Allegro Board member Donna de Molina and Al de Molina.

Bottom row: Carolina Panthers Defensive End Kony Ealy, Bank of America Chief Operations & Technology Officer Cathy Bessant and host Felix Sabates. Allegro Board member Stephen Walker and Platinum Sponsor Nick Trivisonno.



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