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AN EVENING OF ILLUSIONS AND CELEBRATION

ANNUAL SCOTT-FREE EVENT
BENEFITS LOCAL AT-RISK CHILDREN

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Recently the Scott-Free Scholarship Foundation and its supportive community gathered for their 3rd annual event to celebrate another successful year, in which it sent 57 at-risk children to summer camp programs. The illusion-themed event, held on October 16th at the Mirage Nightclub in downtown Raleigh, dazzled guests with acrobatic dancing, body painting, magic, a silent art auction, raffle prizes and exotic gourmet food. Mayor Charles Meeker even dropped by to voice his support.

Funds generated from the event will allow Scott-Free to continue pairing local at-risk children with summer camp programs. Since its inception in 2008, Scott-Free and its camp partners have successfully sent 125 kids to camp.

Along with over 20 camp partners from the North Carolina coast to the mountains, Scott-Free is providing kids with all kinds of unique experiences. The camps specialize in sports, theatre, science, music, cooking, computer animation, dance and more. Scott-Free works with both day camps and residential camps. Partner camps help out financially with either discounted or donated camp spots, but Scott-Free also pays the full fare for some camps in order to ensure that a child is paired with a camp that matches his unique interests and abilities.

The raffle drawing was a highlight of the evening. Prize packages included an Apple iPad, a 42" flat screen TV courtesy of Jack Hoile of Legacy Wealth Strategies, a weekend getaway at the Umstead Hotel & Spa, season tickets to local theatres, Carolina Hurricanes tickets, gift certificates and more.

Johnson Lexus of Raleigh was a tremendous supporting sponsor. They provided valet parking, car wash gift vouchers and radio advertising leading up to the event.

The event's entertainment lent an air of drama and theatre. Zahra of Airborne Aerials in Fayetteville thrilled with her acrobatic aerial dancing. Foxy Moxy Liquid Art Body Painting, from Winston-Salem, created an amazing display of artistic skill with their work on a model provided by Raleigh's Models For Charity organization. Illusionist Enrico Leoni kept everyone entertained and amazed.

The diligent work of onsite photographers Bob McAlister and Amy Jarrett ensured that this will be an evening to remember. The food, catered by The Mirage, was both visually beautiful and delicious.

DJ 100dBs of Brooklyn provided his services for the second straight year. He also produced the 2010 Scott-Free Mix, a CD given to all who attended. Man Mur Shoe Repair of Hillsborough Street offered complimentary shoe shines throughout the evening.

Scott-Free's success is realized thanks to the support of an enthusiastic and generous community. Together, it provides children with an opportunity to explore the possibilities of their own abilities, dreams and desires by exposing them to life outside their own surroundings. Many more children will get this opportunity next year thanks to the supporters of Scott-Free and the 2010 Scott-Free Event.



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