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Save the Date for the 24th Annual Cordova Mall Ball to Benefit The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart

The date has been set for the 2019 Cordova Mall Ball presented by Sandy Sansing Dealerships – Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. Northwest Florida's largest Mardi Gras ball, the 24th Annual Cordova Mall Ball will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Cordova Mall in Pensacola to benefit sick and injured children at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart.

Tables of eight, reserved seating and admission tickets are now available for purchase. You must be 21 or older to attend, and IDs will be checked at the door. Dress is masquerade or black tie optional.

Three bands are scheduled for this year's event -- the Reunion Band, whose set list predominantly features rock oldies and rhythm-and-blues hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s. The variety showband Starz offers Top 40, Motown and old-school funk, while Journey 2 Mars is known for playing the best of rock, pop and country from the '80s to the present.

A New Orleans-style French Market with jazz music is planned as part of the Mardi-Gras style festivities. Face painting and a fortune teller also will be located in the French Market, and novelties available for purchase will include Mardi Gras masks, feather boas and more.

Approximately 25 restaurants will provide food, and a silent auction will be part of the fun, including a signed guitar, jewelry, art, golf packages and much more.

The committee is seeking sponsorships and donations of items for the silent auction. If you wish to donate, please contact Jennifer Saba at 850-416-4661.

Every year, Cordova Mall closes early to allow volunteers to set up for the event, an expression of mall officials' and shop owners' dedication to the health of our community's children. Last year, the Cordova Mall Ball raised a total of \$474,297. These proceeds, along with proceeds from the events over the next three years, will go toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art, pediatric-friendly CT scanner. The scanner can capture an image in two seconds, eliminating the need to sedate young patients undergoing this test.

During the past 23 years, the event has generated more than \$5.5 million on behalf of sick and injured children at The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart, a hospital dedicated to the care of children for more than 49 years. It is the only pediatric facility in the region.

For more information, call Jennifer Saba with Sacred Heart Foundation, 850-416-4661 or visit www.cordovamallball.com.

About The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart

The Studer Family Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is the region's only children's hospital, serving families across Northwest Florida, South Alabama and South Georgia. Expected to be complete in spring 2019, the new children's hospital will be connected to the front of the existing children's hospital and will include a pediatric emergency room and trauma center, new procedure rooms dedicated to pediatric surgery, an expanded neonatal intensive care unit, a medical/surgical unit, observation beds and a pediatric rehabilitation gym.

The Studer Family Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart is a 117-bed facility that offers a wide range of services to meet all of a child’s medical needs, from a pediatric emergency room and neonatal intensive care unit to pediatric intensive care, cancer care, rehabilitation and a medical staff of more than 120 board-certified physicians across 29 pediatric specialties. The Children’s Hospital provides quality, compassionate care to children, regardless of their parents’ ability to pay. For more information about the services available at The Studer Family Children’s Hospital at Sacred Heart, visit www.studerfamilychildrenshospital.com.

About Sacred Heart Health System

In Florida, Ascension operates Sacred Heart Health System based in Pensacola and St. Vincent’s HealthCare based in Jacksonville. Ascension’s facilities in Florida include seven hospitals and more than 100 other sites of care and together they employ more than 10,000 associates. Across the region, Sacred Heart and St. Vincent’s have served North Florida communities for more than 145 years. In fiscal year 2017, they provided \$168 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty. Ascension (www.ascension.org) is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension includes approximately 156,000 associates and 34,000 aligned providers. Ascension’s Healthcare Division operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia. For more information on Sacred Heart Health System, visit healthcare.ascension.org.

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