



Dear Friend,

On May 4, 2024, the Rotary Club of Rockledge Florida and Rockledge Rotary Foundation is proud to host the Annual Space Coast Derby Day charity fundraiser, which has occurred now for over two decades. Coinciding with the running of the Kentucky Derby, this year's event features the elements of our traditional Kentucky Derby event that you have grown to love. We will host a live and silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and the opportunity to place a charity wager on the entries in the Kentucky Derby. During the event, you will be able to purchase drink tickets, and you will be served a selection of gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Join us for bourbon tasting and all the other fun activities people have come to enjoy at our annual event, including a live stream of the Kentucky Derby, a hat contest, charity wagering, hobbling horse race, and more.

Our beneficiaries include **The Salvation Army of North/Central Brevard, Crosswinds Youth Services, The Children's Hunger Project Inc., the Brevard Zoo Legacy Project, and Rockledge Rotary Foundation.** **The Salvation Army**, North/Central Brevard, provides basic needs such as food, utility assistance, rental assistance, personal hygiene kits, and counseling. They also provide Emergency Disaster Service – in the event of a disaster, they mobilize the new mobile kitchen and provide meals and counseling. They also have a Domestic Violence Shelter Program which offers a safe house, support services, counseling, and a 24-hour hotline. **Crosswinds Youth Services** assists over 3,000 Brevard youths and their families each year, helping vulnerable young people overcome serious issues such as homelessness, abuse and neglect, delinquency, truancy, and other challenges. The **Children's Hunger Project, Inc.** provides weekend meals and fights childhood hunger and malnutrition for Brevard County students from low-income families during the school year. **The Brevard Zoo Legacy Campaign** is building the future Aquarium and Conservation Center, ensuring a brighter future for the Indian River Lagoon, our coastal estuaries, native wildlife, and the health of our planet. **Rockledge Rotary Foundation** raises funds and makes charitable donations in alignment with the mission and goals of the Rotary Club of Rockledge.

Although this event is all-hands-on-deck for Rockledge Rotary members, we cannot do it without the support of local donors who sponsor our event and provide gifts and services to be auctioned or raffled at our event. Because of the support of our sponsors and patrons, this past year, we were able to distribute 45 Thousand Dollars to local charities. This year we hope to raise the bar to give back even more.

Please see the enclosed flyers explaining the event and outlining sponsorship opportunities. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information, please visit RockledgeRotary.com or email DerbyDay@RockledgeRotary.com.

Thank you again for your support!

Angela Neal, Rockledge Rotary President, 2023-2024