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THE VISION & MISSION

Founded in 2010, Runway to Hope’s mission is to provide support and direct assistance to Central Florida children and their families who have been impacted by pediatric cancer. Mark and Josie NeJame, the founders of Runway to Hope, envisioned a charity that would keep funding centered to local families as well as devoting resources to new and innovative programs and initiatives to the Central Florida pediatric cancer community.

Through the Runway to Hope Family Assistance Program, direct aid is provided to families who are in desperate need of assistance. Runway to Hope helps cover expenses such as gas, water, electricity, mortgage, car payments, and sadly, at times, funeral and end-of-life expenses.

Additionally, through partnerships with Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Florida Hospital for Children, and Nemours Children’s Hospital, Runway to Hope brings new programs and initiatives to the pediatric oncology programs in each of these hospitals by its contribution of a $3 million pledge.

Our beloved event has been named “Best Charity Event” a combined total of thirteen times in its seven year existence by the Orlando Business Journal, Orlando Magazine, and Orlando Style. Runway to Hope was also the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Fundraising by a Non-Profit Organization from the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Mark and Josie NeJame were honored to be awarded “Outstanding Philanthropists” in 2014 on National Philanthropy Day.

RUNWAY TO HOPE’S SPRING FASHION SOIRÉE

The Runway to Hope Spring Fashion Soiree is the organization’s signature fundraising event of the year! The highlight of the evening is an inspiring and heartwarming fashion show featuring more than 150 incredible and brave children, all of whom are currently battling or have overcome their pediatric cancer. Modeling much more than clothing, these courageous children walk the runway hand-in-hand with one of our national and local celebrity escorts. The models who take the stage are all between the ages of 2 to 18. It is incredible to watch all of them show off their strength and unwavering spirits as they strut and smile down the runway. The Runway to Hope Spring Fashion Soiree is a celebration of these children and their incomparable courage.

The annual Spring Fashion Soiree is also a true testament to the support and passion the Central Florida community has shown towards this inspiring cause. Since Runway to Hope’s inception in 2010, the Soiree has soared. In May 2016, the event hosted approximately 2,400 guests and an outstanding amount of $1.3 million was pledged during this single, spectacular evening! Over $5.5 million has been raised by Runway to Hope since its inception. Being Central Florida’s largest charity event and its most highly anticipated evening, the Runway to Hope Spring Fashion Soiree takes place at the luxurious Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, one of our most valued corporate sponsors.

WHEN AND WHERE

May 20, 2017
Rosen Shingle Creek
9939 Universal Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32819

OUR PARTNERS

Runway to Hope Partners and Donors have the unique opportunity to not only save children’s lives, but to also provide these amazing kids with some of the most joyous and happy memories of their childhoods. Unfortunately, pediatric cancer only receives a relatively small percentage of money provided for cancer research, treatment, and cures. This is why private donations are incredibly essential and necessary to curing and treating pediatric cancer.
THE $3 MILLION PLEDGE

The funding and proceeds raised for the annual Spring Fashion Soirée contribute to Runway to Hope’s $1 million dollar pledge to each of the three Central Florida local children’s hospitals.

ARNOLD PALMER HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN:
Runway to Hope funds support Central Florida’s first-ever comprehensive Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Program, comprised of a team that provides the full range of medical and emotional support specific to pediatric brain tumor patients during and after treatment. The donation made by Runway to Hope helps fund the Pediatric Brain Tumor Program. Nationally recognized brain tumor expert, Dr. Amy Smith, MD., leads this comprehensive, multidisciplinary program focused on pediatric brain and spinal cord tumors. This is one of the only programs in Florida that has a dedicated Pediatric Neuro-Oncologist. In the state of Florida, there are about 220 children who will be diagnosed with a brain tumor every single year.

FLORIDA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN:
Runway to Hope funds the Pediatric Palliative Care Program. Pediatric palliative care (PPC) is specialized medical care for children with life-threatening conditions. It focuses on providing relief from the symptoms, pain, and stress of a serious life-threatening condition—whatever the diagnosis. PPC is provided by an interdisciplin ary team of doctors, nurses, social workers and other health care specialists. Its purpose is to develop a plan of care with families that meets the medical, spiritual and emotional needs of the child and family in an effort to enhance quality of life. Runway to Hope’s 2016 support of our Pediatric Palliative Care Program is allowing our team to expand and grow to meet the needs of our pediatric oncology patents.

NEMOURS CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL:
Runway to Hope funds the National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP). This program is led by a team of physicians including Dr. Andrew Kolb, Chief Hematology/Oncology Director, Dr. Eric Sandler, Division Chief of Hematology/Oncology, as well as Dr. Ramamoorthy Nagasubramanian, Division Chief of Hematology/Oncology. Nemours provides a leadership role in cancer control clinical trials and is one of only two designated pediatric NCORPs in the country. Runway to Hope also funds the Interventional Radiology (IR) Program. Nemours has the second largest pediatric IR group in the country, and currently has the only pediatric interventional radiologists in Central Florida.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
In addition to its $3 million pledge to our children’s hospitals, Runway to Hope provides desperately needed direct assistance to children and their families affected by childhood cancer. When a child is diagnosed with cancer, the entire family is put to the test and faces incomprehensible, life-altering situations. Families of childhood cancer patients often experience a dramatic drop in income when caring for their children. Often one parent has to quit work to care for their child. Their entire schedule is often quickly devoted to being bedside in a hospital setting or dedicating all of their time and resources to their child’s care. Added to this, is the additional stress and inability to afford the bills and expenses related to medical treatment which can be very overwhelming.

The contributions made to Runway to Hope assist with many necessities including hospital meals, transportation to travel to and from the child’s life-saving treatments, insurance, mortgage and car payments, as well as frequent requests to maintain the essentials in a home such as electricity and water. Tragically, as aforementioned, end of life and funeral costs and expenses are sometimes a reality for these families who have been both emotionally and financially devastated. The needs are endless and solely funded by philanthropy. Childhood cancer is not a battle these families can or should fight alone.
AUCTION INFORMATION

The Runway to Hope Silent and Live Auction Program is comprised of luxury items donated from national and local Central Florida companies. In 2016, our auction program reached a record-breaking market value of $250,000! Our Auction items are elegantly displayed for all of our corporate sponsors and guests to peruse and bid on. Bidding remains open well into the night so that everyone has the opportunity to review and compete for the best items, tickets and packages in town!

Runway to Hope is especially excited to announce that our 2016 Silent and Live Auction Program included over 200 items and raised a total of $194,000 toward our common goal of finding a cure for childhood cancer.

Runway to Hope is pleased to accept any and all items for our auction program. Items can be placed in the following categories:

- **ART & PHOTOGRAPHY:** Highlights: Paintings by Local Artists & from Private Collections
- **SHOPPING & FASHION:** Highlights: Items from The Mall at Millennia Luxury Stores including: Jimmy Choo, Dooney & Bourke, Bloomingdales, Gucci, Neiman Marcus & Lily Pulitzer
- **HEALTH & BEAUTY:** Highlights: Associates in Dermatology, The Salt Room, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, Euro Day Spa and Salon
- **WINE & DINE:** Highlights: The Four Seasons Brunch Package, Rosen Hotel & Resort Dining Tour
- **ATTRACTIONS:** Highlights: Universal Orlando VIP tour, Legoland Ticket Package, Blue Man Group, SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment Ticket Packages
- **SPORT EXPERIENCE:** Highlights: Orlando City Soccer Box Seats, Orlando Solar Bears Tickets, UCF Football Season Ticket Package, Orlando Pride Ticket Package
- **SPORT MEMORABILIA:** Autographed Drew Brees Football, Autographed Mike Tyson Gloves, Autographed Victor Oladipo Basketball Sneakers, Autographed Roger Clemens Baseball
- **CELEBRITY EXPERIENCE:** Rachel Platten VIP Meet & Greet Fan Experience, WWE Tour & Taping Passes, Joey Fatone Experience
- **TRAVEL:** Highlights: Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Hawaii Hilton stay, The Four Seasons Orlando Resort package, San Francisco Four-Day Trip
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Highlights: Rosen Hotels & Resort Bedding Sets, Xbox Packages, Corona Cigars, Ginny’s Orchids
- **LIVE AUCTION:** Highlights: Hublot Watch, India Dream Trip, Exclusive Shaquille O’Neal Experience, Tuscany Vacation Package, NYC Broadcast Experience, Dubai Trip of a Lifetime, Los Angeles Celebrity Experience

The Runway to Hope Silent and Live Auction is hosted through the bidding agent Qtego. All items donated will be able to be viewed and bid on prior to the night of our Spring Fashion Soirée. Guests will be entered in an exclusive drawing as a special incentive for pre-registering on Qtego prior to the event. Runway to Hope will choose select items to be featured on social media outlets reaching millions of people in order to increase awareness for our auction program.

Please consider donating an item to our Runway to Hope Silent and Live Auction Program and you will be helping hundreds of Central Florida families impacted by pediatric cancer. The money raised from the various items, packages and experiences donated will provide direct financial support to Central Florida families in desperate need.

Please visit [www.runwaytohope.org](http://www.runwaytohope.org) in order to fill out and submit your Runway to Hope Silent and Live Auction Program Donation Form. Please feel free to email Colby Lopez at colby@runwaytohope.org with any questions as well as to submit your form. Once your form is submitted, Runway to Hope will be in touch to coordinate the details and/or pick up of items.
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