





Press Release

Polo for Charity Event Announces Leadership Transition

Bluffton, SC May 6, 2019 – After sponsoring 25 Charity Polo matches, the Rotary Club of Okatie-Bluffton is transitioning leadership of the event to the joint care of the Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes (LFWMH) and the 200 Club of the Coastal Empire. Both charitable organizations have agreed to host the next event scheduled for Sunday, October 27th, 2019 at the Rose Hill Equestrian Center. The event will be renamed to "Polo 4 Heroes" – with proceeds from the event benefiting our local heroes and their families -- military veterans, firefighters, law enforcement officers injured in the line of duty.

"We are pleased to pass the mallet to these two local foundations to continue the tradition of bringing world-class Polo to Bluffton" explained Julie Leister 2018-2019 President of the Okatie Rotary Club. "Special thanks to all of our great sponsors over these past years. We hope you will continue to support the event under the new leadership."

"The team at Okatie Rotary Club has done a great job at building this charity event and our foundations are extremely proud to be hosting it going-forward." said Russ Spicer (LFWMH) and Joe Grimm (200 Club). "The event will be an important part of our fundraising commitment to help wounded heroes and their families in the Lowcountry." These two local nonprofit charities, organized and operated 100% by volunteers, raise funds to support our local heroes injured or having perished in the line of duty. The LFWMH and the 200 Club of the Coastal Empire, serve similar missions...helping to care for those who care for us.

A new website <u>www.Polo4Heroes.com</u> has been established as the portal for future information and sponsorship opportunities of the event. For More Information: Contact Joe Grimm at Polo4Heroes@gmail.com.

About Rotary Club of Okatie-Bluffton: ------

The Rotary Club of Okatie-Bluffton is one of the 35,000 member clubs of Rotary International, with the motto of "Service Above Self". Rotarians are involved with local, national and international projects to better lives through focused efforts in literacy, clean water, peace, economic growth, Polio eradication and maternal and child health. Local activities include funding teacher's grants for educational enrichment, an annual "feed the children" restaurant round up program, and Happy Feet, Happy Minds a new shoe shopping experience for local 2nd-5th graders. For more information, please visit https://rotaryclubofokatie.com.

About LFWMH: -----

The Lowcountry Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes (LFWMH) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing support to combat wounded military heroes in the Lowcountry of South Carolina and Georgia. In partnership with Birdies for the Brave, the Foundation funds qualified charities that provide needed services to our combat-wounded military veterans and their families. Birdies for the Brave is a PGA TOUR adopted program founded by the PGA player Phil Mickelson and his wife Amy. For more information about us and the charities we support, please visit www.lfwmh.org.

About 200 Club: ------

The 200 Club of the Coastal Empire, is also a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity. Based in Savannah, GA, it serves the families of fallen First Responders in Beaufort, Jasper, and 18 neighboring counties. When we lose a First Responder in the line of duty, the 200 Club responds to the families with immediate financial assistance, provides fully paid college education to the surviving family, sends a dozen roses annually, and provides meals each Thanksgiving and the Holidays. Since its inception in October 2000, the 200 Club has contributed over \$3,000,000 to the families of our fallen heroes. Learn more about the 200 Club at www.twohundredclub.org.



Sunday October 27th

Rose Hill Equestrian Center

Bluffton











