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Forget Me Not Ball at Tan-Tar-A a Success
Proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association Mid-Missouri Chapter

[Lake of the Ozarks, MO] – More than 200 guests attended the Forget Me Not Ball at Tan-Tar-A on May 1, raising a grand total of \$26,000 for the Alzheimer's Association Mid-Missouri Chapter.

“The Forget Me Not Ball was a great success,” said Amy Hernandez, event organizer and owner of La Roca Dance Studio, “Our guests were treated to an exclusive event filled with great food, breath-taking decorations and amazing dancers. We appreciate everyone who participated in the event, making it so special.”

“The Alzheimer's Association would like to congratulate and thank Amy and Peter Hernandez and the amazing committee members who organized such a successful event,” said Linda Newkirk, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association. “This was such an inspiring event – proving to each of us what an impact a group of caring people can make.”

The Forget Me Not Ball included a delicious dinner donated by US Foodservice and prepared by Tan-Tar-A. Dinner featured Petite Filet Mignon with Chicken Mediterranean. Deserts were provided by the talented bakery artists at Sugar Loft Cake Shoppe and included Amaretto and Fudge Marble Cheesecake topped with candied Forget Me Not flowers or White Wine cake. All attendees left with Gourmet Cake Truffles dipped in white or dark chocolate.

Entertainment for the event included a ballroom dancing showcase by the students of La Roca Dance Studio; Jim and Rue Fleming, Ralph and Patti Muxlow, Mary Boer and Stew Krause, and Jeff and Kathy Robbins. Students performed a variety of dances including a foxtrot and samba. Dancers came together and were joined by La Roca Dance Studio owners Peter and Amy Hernandez for a waltz to open the event.

Following the student dancers was a professional dance showcase featuring dancers from St. Louis and Kansas City. Michael and Lucy Fitzgerald performed a tango and a graceful Viennese Waltz. Louis and Laura Bar performed a steamy Argentine Tango and a Milanga. Geoff and Kelly Sandland performed a foxtrot and a romantic bolero. Amy and Peter Hernandez showcased their talents with a swing dance and mambo.

Interspersed throughout the evening were vocal performances by accomplished singer Eric Mitchell. Door prizes were also available to attendees and included a grand prize custom pendant from Lake of the Ozarks Fine Jewelry.

Event sponsors include KRCG, L.O. Profile magazine, La Roca Dance Studio, Janine's Flowers, Arrowhead Printing, Sugar Loft Cake Shop, Walgreens, Lake Regional Health System, Central Bank, Muxlow Law, Velvet and the Blue Heron.

The Forget Me Not Ball planning committee includes chairs Peter and Amy Hernandez, Jeanne Dickemann, Geri Westhoff, Jim and Rue Fleming, Mary Boer, Ralph and Patti Muxlow, Jeff and Kathy Robbins and Melissa Hanstein.

The next Forget Me Not Ball is scheduled for April 9, 2011. Proceeds from the Forget Me Not Ball benefit the Alzheimer's Association Mid-Missouri Chapter, serving 29 counties in central and northeast Missouri.

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The Alzheimer's Association is the largest source of private funding for Alzheimer's research in the country. Since awarding its first grant in 1980, the Alzheimer's Association has committed more than \$220 million toward research into the causes, treatment, prevention, and cure of Alzheimer's disease.

Through its national network of chapters, the Alzheimer's Association offers a broad range of programs and services for people with the disease, their families and caregivers. Also a toll free, nationwide contact center is available at 1-800-272-3900 to families and caregivers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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