

ANASTASIA NEWS



Bojangles' patrons donated to the restaurant's Hero Fund to provide meals for health care workers at Flagler Hospital. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]



With help from local diners, Bojangles' provided 100 meals to health care workers at Flagler Hospital.

Bojangles' teams up with community to support health care workers

The Record

With the help of the community, the St. Augustine Bojangles' donated 100 meals to health care workers at Flagler Hospital.

In an effort to show its appreciation for the selfless workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bojangles' hosted a Feed the Heroes Drive April 14, with a portion of the drive-thru sales benefiting the fund. The store also gave customers the opportunity to give a \$5 Hero Donation with their purchase.

The St. Augustine community stepped up to the plate and, despite the uncertain times, 70 customers added the Hero Donation to their meals. The patrons' generosity enabled Bojangles' to bring a total of 100 hot meals to the Flagler staff April 17 and 18.

Sage Joiner, owner of the St. Augustine Bojangles', said he was deeply touched by the community's desire to support its local health care workers, though he is not surprised, because that is what the city of St. Augustine does in times of need.

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Virtual Support Groups: The local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is providing virtual support groups for adults with mental health conditions and their families/friends every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. These online meetings take the place of in-person NAMI support groups for Volusia, Flagler and St. Johns counties during the COVID-19 crisis. The peer and family virtual support

groups meet separately. For information for how to join a meeting online or by phone, visit namivfsj.org/meetings.html.

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Art with a Heart in Healthcare offers free virtual art sessions for children

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Art with a Heart in Healthcare, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the healing process of patients and their families, is offering free virtual, interactive art sessions and coloring pages, along with music and storytelling. The Let's Make Art program supports the need for creative activities while young patients are sheltering-in-place at home or in the hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic, and other times when they need to stay indoors. The program is also available to the community free of charge. Visit the website at artwithaheart.info/letsmakeart.

In compliance with health care system precautions, Art with a Heart in Healthcare will not be in any health care settings amid the pandemic. During this time, the organization and its team of artists cannot physically be with patients at local hospitals. The online art program and art-to-go care bag projects are in place providing fine art experiences while enhancing the healing process for homebound children, and patients and families in the hospital.

According to Christy Ponder, Art with a Heart in Healthcare's executive director, young patients in northeast Florida hospitals can also receive art-to-go care bags filled with art supplies. The nonprofit supports the fundraising effort with the personalized, interactive step-by-step art tutorial videos and Let's Make Art custom-made, printable coloring sheets available on



Serenity, a patient at Wolfson Children's Hospital, participates in Art with a Heart in Healthcare art sessions, coloring pages, music and storytelling for children. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

the website.

"We ask the community to please consider the well-being of hundreds of young patients who are isolated in hospitals at this time. With stringent visitor and volunteer restrictions, many are not able to see loved ones or receive any usual volunteer services," said Ponder.

Donations are requested for the Art with a Heart in Healthcare Catie Cares art-to-go bags. Cost per bag is \$25 with volunteers delivering the items to hospital entrance areas and then bags are transported to each patient. The bags include a backpack filled with fine art

materials that can be used in conjunction with the videos.

To donate and provide fine art supplies for the bags during this time of increased demand, visit artwithaheart.info/donate. Catie Cares has been funded by a local family whose daughter suffered from cancer, but enjoyed her art sessions with Art with a Heart in Healthcare.

Art with a Heart in Healthcare programs and services funds a team of staff artists, community volunteers and interns from the University of North Florida and University of Florida to

develop sessions individualized to meet the needs of patients and families at bedside or in groups.

Together they create art that helps to reclaim the child from the illness. Patients are from Palm Coast, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Fernandina Beach and beyond. The nonprofit's team of artists and volunteers have served tens of thousands of patients and their families in northeast Florida at Wolfson Children's Hospital, Nemours Children's Specialty Clinic, St. Vincent's Medical Center, and Mayo Clinic.



The annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show will take place Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Nocatee Station Field. The show is free and open to the public. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS]

18th annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show set for September

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The annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show, slated for Sept. 27 at the Nocatee Station Field, will continue under new ownership, according to the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "I am excited to inform the community that this annual event will continue and be strengthened by the management of Art 'n Motion," Isabelle Renault, Chamber president and CEO.

"We are pleased that this opportunity arose," said Justin Felker, Art 'n Motion, president. "We have always admired this well-regarded community event and look forward to continuing the

show and supporting the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce."

Art 'n Motion was created to display classic and rare automobiles that are available for sale in a building just within the St. Augustine city entrance. Many of the vehicles are collected by the founders, but car owners will often display their rare automobiles in the building's "showroom" to display for other car lovers and collectors. Art 'n Motion's

floor-to-ceiling windows will face the main road, showing off the vehicles and attracting car lovers on a daily basis.

"We want to continue the public's fascination with interesting automobiles and believe that events like the Ponte Vedra Auto Show need to be continued," said Felker. "We also have some new ideas on creating a dynamic event that will continue for many more years."

The 2020 show is free

and open to the public. It will feature both classic and new collectors' cars vying for trophies. Cars can be registered online at pvautoshow.com starting next month. The 2020 Ponte Vedra Auto Show is funded in part by the St. Johns County Tourist Development Council.

To find out more about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce or to become a member, visit sjchamber.com or call 904-829-5681.

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