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OLDSMAR'S SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR OLDSMAR CARES 2ND ANNUAL WINE AND FOOD GALA

Oldsmar, FL, November 8, 2011 – What food and wine will be there? Is there an unexpected guest? What will the Oldsmar Cares Gala event committee plan this year? These are the questions on everyone's mind. "It will be difficult to surpass last year's event but we are determined to do it," said **Suzanne Vale**, co-chair, Oldsmar Cares Board of Directors. "Our goal is to add a few surprises, but overall continue with the same basic principle, create a fun evening where people can come together to help their neighbor's in need." The first annual Oldsmar Cares Wine and Food Gala was a huge success with over 300 attendees and \$30,550 raised. Oldsmar Cares is a unique community-based organization that operates a food pantry, clothes closet and provides stop gap rent and utility assistance to greater Oldsmar area residents. The organization is 100% volunteer managed and staffed by caring and committed members of the community.

A Good Time for a Great Cause

"The 2nd Annual Oldsmar Cares Wine and Food Gala, to be held on February 9, from 6 pm to 9 pm at the East Lake Woodlands Country Club promises to deliver more of everything," said **David Wallace**, co-chair, Oldsmar Cares Board of Directors. "This year we have more space, more restaurants and more auction items. The money Oldsmar Cares raised at last year's Gala helped hundreds of families in and around Oldsmar. We hope with the additional space we'll double the turnout," says **Wallace**. "With so many in need of assistance we are looking forward to bringing our community together to help even more people." This year's presenting sponsor is Nielsen and gold level sponsors include Tampa Bay Downs, TECO, StellarNet and City of Oldsmar.

2nd Annual Oldsmar Cares Wine & Food Gala Date: February 9 Time: 6 pm to 9 pm Location: East Lake Woodlands Country Club

The evening will include:

- Food from over 14 local area restaurants like, Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Eggstyle, Flamestone Grill and Fratelli's Italian Restaurant.
- To compliment the mouth-watering delicacies, wine will be served by Barefoot Wine & Bubbly and Southern Wine and Spirits.
- Bay News 9 reporter Virginia Johnson will again take the microphone as the evening's Mistress of Ceremonies.
- Vice-Mayor Doug Bevis as auctioneer, boasting an incredible list of items including 3 nights at Sands of Islamorada Resort in the fabulous Florida Keys, luxury cottage in Sparkle Lake, Highlands, North Carolina, golf vacation packages and a weekend behind the wheel of a luxury sports car.
- A silent auction and door prizes will include dinner for two at twelve area restaurants.

For more information on Oldsmar Cares' gala tickets and sponsorship opportunities call 813-415-7373, email info@oldsmarcares.org or visit www.oldsmarcares.org/gala.html. To view a photo slideshow of last year's event go to the "Oldsmar Cares" Facebook fan page.

About Oldsmar Cares

Oldsmar Cares began in 1997; a program to help meet the needs of Oldsmar residents for rent and utility assistance. A food pantry was added the next year and in 2002 a community closet became a part of the mission. In July 2009, the organization, recognized a growing need and decided to expand the outreach of its program and became a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions are now tax deductible and Oldsmar Cares must meet strict guidelines.

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