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Community Support Raises a Record \$6,758 for Southern Decadence in Two Week Period

Community support continues to rally behind Southern Decadence 2015 raising a record \$6,758 in a two week period. It began on July 11th with Southern Decadence Bingo with the Big Easy Sisters at the Phoenix raising \$492. Next up was Swimmin' with the Goddesses at Four Seasons raising \$546 on July 17th. The 28th annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala brought in another \$2,665 at Oz on July 18th. Sippin' with the Sisters: Southern Decadence Deviled Egg Contest raised \$405 at Cutter's on July 19th. The final fundraiser in the two week period was the Southern Decadence Courtyard Soiree hosted by Sally-FLY Jeffrey Palmquist and Coca Mesa raising \$2,650 at the PalMesa Petit Chateau on July 23rd.

Total expenses included \$81 for the 50/50 raffle at Southern Decadence Bingo, and \$311 for plaques at the Gay Appreciation Awards, generating a total of \$6,366 for Southern Decadence and its charities. The three charities include: LGBT+ Archives Project of Louisiana, Louisiana Equality Foundation, PFLAG New Orleans (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Scholarship Fund.

Southern Decadence Bingo raised \$100 from the beer bust, \$230 from bingo, and \$162 from the 50/50 raffle.

Swimmin' with the Goddesses raised \$546.

The GAA Gala raised \$1,200 from VIP Table sales from Joann and Lisa Guidos/Kajun's Pub, Larry Anderson, Quartermaster, The Golden Lantern, Landry & Spivey, and The Corner Pocket; \$1,095 from the door; \$140 from stage performance tips; \$150 for the SKYY Basket auction from Southern Decadence Grand Marshal XXXIX Tami Tarmac; and \$80 for the Wild Turkey Basket auction from Quartermaster.

The Sippin' with the Sisters Deviled Egg Contest raised \$255 from the tasting/voting and \$150 for the SKYY Basket auction from Larry Jones.

The Southern Decadence Courtyard Soiree generated \$2,500 in ticket sales from SDGM XXVII Errol Rizzuto, Rob Schneider, John Taino, Herberto Soto, Tim Wilson, Josh Aldridge, Ben Nobles, Colby Danna, Jake Stout, Philip Anthony, Frank Perez, Marc Fort, Brad Brody, Lulu Blackwell, Billy Pennington, Darwin Reed, Opal Masters, Brian Jenkins, Michael Ducote, Jennifer Greenheck, Cam Zimmerman, Will Antell, Keith Malwiz, Tim Smith and Richard Mihans; and \$150 for the SKYY Basket auction from Shawn Lizana.

Southern Decadence Grand Marshals XLI Steven Mora, Rip Naquin, Marsha Delain, Misti Ates and Frankie Fierce would like to thank each and everyone of you who made this huge success possible.

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GAA Gala Brings 21 Winners to the Stage raising \$2,665 for Southern Decadence

The 28th Annual Gay Appreciation Awards Gala brought 21 excited winners to the stage at Oz New Orleans. Benefiting Southern Decadence 2015,

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the event raised \$2,665 minus \$311 in plaque expenses for a total of \$2,354. Since 1997, the gala has generated \$54,085 for charity.

In addition to announcing the 2015 winners, the evening honored Sy'ria Jackson-Synclair for her outstanding work for, and on behalf of the Trans Community.

Congratulations to all of the winners who were chosen by the reader-

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