



**Naples Winter Wine Festival will “Rise Up - Twenty Twenty Twogether”
to Benefit Underprivileged and At-Risk Children in Collier County**

Live, in-person event returns to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples on January 27-30, 2022

Naples, FL (May 24, 2021) – The Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival (NWWF), announced that the NWWF will return with a live, in-person event on January 27-30, 2022. With the theme “Rise Up - Twenty Twenty Twogether,” the Festival will highlight the finest food, wine and auction lots at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples.

The NWWF will celebrate its 22nd year, impacting more than 50 of the most effective nonprofit organizations in the community and providing more than 275,000 local children with the services and resources they need to excel. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Festival was re-engineered virtually to prioritize the health and safety of all NCEF donors, patrons and partners.

“We are thrilled to be resuming our live auction under the tent with our generous friends and supporters from across the country,” said Valerie Boyd, a Founding Trustee for NCEF. “Together we will rise up on behalf of the most vulnerable children in Collier County. We anticipate the best and boldest event yet with an amazing weekend full of high energy, high spirits and high bids.”

As a reflection of the “Rise Up - Twenty Twenty Twogether” theme, this year’s NWWF will be led by a team of dedicated NCEF Trustees bringing many years of combined Festival knowledge and experience. They include Nena and Bill Beynon; Debby and Bill Cary; Denise and Brian Cobb; Shirlene Elkins; Valerie Boyd and Jeff Gargiulo; Libby and Rick Germain; Julie and Rob Heidt, Jr.; Barbie and Paul Hills; Scott Lutgert; and Shirley and Peter Welsh.

Since the event’s inception in 2001, the NWWF has raised nearly \$220 million for its founding organization, NCEF, which has awarded grants to more than 50 non-profit organizations that have impacted the lives of more than 275,000 children in Collier County through traditional annual grants and strategic initiatives.

Festival guests will once again join in this charitable mission in 2022 as they bid on incredible, one-of-a-kind experiences during the famed live auction, part of a weekend that will also feature celebrated names in food and wine from around the world.

Ticket packages for the 2022 NWWF will start at \$12,500 per couple for a Double Magnum package and \$30,000 for two couples for a Jeroboam package. For a complete list of packages and additional details, please visit: <https://www.napleswinefestival.com/about-the-festival>.

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About Naples Winter Wine Festival

The Naples Winter Wine Festival, one of the world's most prestigious charity wine auctions, offers a weekend of unforgettable memories. Guests enjoy world-class food and wine during intimate dinners in private homes and are invited to bid on once-in-a-lifetime travel and wine experiences during an electrifying live auction. Since its inaugural event in 2001, the NWWF has raised nearly \$220 million, making a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

About Naples Children & Education Foundation

The Naples Children & Education Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, is improving the educational, emotional and health outcomes of underprivileged and at-risk children. Through its annual grants and strategic initiatives, NCEF has impacted more than 50 of the most effective nonprofits in the community, providing more than 275,000 children with the services and resources they need to excel. NCEF's unique approach, which emphasizes collaboration between organizations and bridges public and private resources, has become a blueprint for how to transform a community, one issue at a time.

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