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RML Hospital raises its glass

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The flavor of Mardi Gras rolled into town when RML Specialty Hospital hosted its benefit party, A Toast to our Friends, on Feb. 26 at Ruth Lake Country Club in Hinsdale. More than 165 guests donned masks and beads for the occasion, transforming the locale into a hot spot along Bourbon Street.

Attendees enjoyed authentic New Orleans style cuisine and musician Matt Stedman played zydeco music to add to the ambiance.

Other activities included a raffle and both a silent and a live auction with a "big" theme: Big Easy (trip to New Orleans,) Big Sky (trip to Big Sky resort in Montana,) and Big Golf (a stay in Pinehurst, NC.).

A highlight of the evening was a short program when Ray Veselik, a development council member, shared the story of a former RML patient who was admitted to the hospital on a ventilator and unable to walk. Today she breathes freely and is an avid bicyclist who regularly volunteers at RML, spending time and inspiring other patients on ventilators.

Besides raising valuable funds, the evening provides an opportunity for corporations, vendors, community members and RML employees to come together and recognize the needs of RML patients as well as raise awareness about the specialized services provided at the hospital.

RML Specialty Hospital is a nonprofit specialty hospital serving patients with complex needs requiring extended acute care. All funds raised at the event directly impact the patients and families served at RML at both Chicago and Hinsdale locations.

For more information:

Visit www.rmlspecialtyhospital.org

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Event: A Toast to Our Friends

Benefiting: RML Specialty Hospital

Attending: 165

Raised: \$29,000

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