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Forest of Angels, Inc. distributed \$8750.00 to local charities

Forest of Angels, Inc. announced and awarded the winners of the Forest of Angels tree decorating contest on Wednesday January 9th 2013

Forest of Angels is a community organization that partnered with businesses to raise money for well-known charities. Local businesses purchased and decorated Christmas trees and competed for votes to see which business had the best tree. Each business selected a charity whose cause they support. The charity will now receive a donation on behalf of the business that it partnered with for the event.

The beautiful trees were on display at the Broward Mall for all to enjoy from November 17 to December 23, 2012. Hundreds of shoppers voted and took part in the event that will benefit many good organizations that dedicate themselves to helping people live better lives.

Participating businesses and charities were given the results of the contest on Wednesday January 9, 2013. The celebration luncheon was held at Bahama Breeze in Sawgrass Mills.

During this time the winners were announced and the charities received their prizes. The first place winner was Padrino's Cuban Cuisine and their charity, Sheridan House Family Ministries, received \$5000.

Second place winner was Bahama Breeze of Sunrise and their charity, Blessings in a Backpack, received \$2500.

Third place winner was South Florida Youth Athletics and they chose three charities who shared \$1250. The charities that shared the winnings were Arthritis Foundation, Ramat Shalom, and Hadassah.

Forest of Angels will continue with the project and will hold the Forest of Angels event in 2013. They look forward to even greater participation in 2013.

"We are thrilled about the impact that the Forest of Angels is going to make on the Blessings in a Backpack program in Florida! Not only will Blessings be able to feed more children with the prize money, the awareness that we receive is priceless!" Blessings in a Backpack

"Padrino's is so proud to have been a part of Forest of Angels and the work they did in our community. Forest of Angels offered us a wonderful opportunity to donate to charities through a fun, family-oriented Christmas tree decorating competition. Businesses came together with a common goal to give back and bring awareness to our charities. A big "Thank you" to Forest of Angels for allowing us to be a part of this special event." - Padrino's

“South Florida Youth Athletics is thankful and proud to have worked with Forest of Angels. We are looking forward to working with Forest of Angels in 2013.” - South Florida Youth Athletics

“When we had the idea participate in the Forest of Angels tree display, I had no idea that our team members would supply the idea to paint our own decorations. The team was so excited to participate, they did such a fabulous job on painting the ornaments. When they found out about texting in the votes, they got all of their friends involved, and that is what drove our tree to second place for our charity of Blessings in a Backpack. They are so excited that they have already started planning on what they are going to do this year for the tree.” - Bahama Breeze, Sunrise FL

More information about the Forest of Angels, Inc. is available on the website <http://www.forestofangels.com> as well as on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/forestofangelsinc>

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