

# MetroWest

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### **MetroWest's Smooth JazzFest Benefitted Edgewood Children's Ranch** *Event Sparked Community's Generosity for Local Charity*

**ORLANDO, FL (May 05, 2015)** - MetroWest hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual JazzFest on Sunday, May 3 at the MetroWest Golf Club. This free, family event was a relaxing, cool afternoon at the MetroWest Golf Club that benefitted the Edgewood Children's Ranch.

Headlining the event was national recording artist and saxophonist, Will Donato, an award-winning composer and dynamic saxophonist along with opening act Robert Harris, who has one of the premier Jazz/R&B groups in Central Florida. Both artists have performed with some of the best-known musicians of the smooth jazz genre, including Al McKay of Earth, Wind and Fire, Bruce Conte of Tower of Power, Steve Reid of the Rippingtons and Kenny G to name a few.

In addition to amazing music, this free community event featured something for the entire family including a MetroWest-area school art show, highlighting music-themed artwork by MetroWest Elementary and Gotha Middle School students, delicious food from the MetroWest Golf Club grill and an exhibitor zone that showcased area businesses.

MetroWest Smooth JazzFest 2015 benefitted Edgewood Children's Ranch, a nonprofit, residential program helping children, teens and their families address behavioral issues. Some of Edgewood's ongoing needs for dry goods, sporting equipment and gift cards were delivered through the Charity Challenge issued to local businesses and residents in MetroWest. Over 950 items were collected at the event along with \$700 in cash donations. Amara Apartments won the MetroWest Community Charity Challenge by donating 400 items or 42% of the goods collected, with Real Estate coming in a close second with 367 items.

"It was a truly wonderful gathering of family and friends," said Julie Sanchez, General Manager, MetroWest Master Association. "Everyone contributed so much to the Edgewood Children's Ranch that it was quite overwhelming! Thank you to everyone who attended the event and especially those who so graciously supported the Edgewood Children's Ranch."

- **Photos attached include:**  
Winners of the art contest along with Orlando Commissioner of District 5, Sam Ings (center, middle row) and MetroWest Master General Manager, Julie Sanchez (center, back row.)
- MetroWest Master General Manager, Julie Sanchez (left) and Gaby Acks, Executive Director of Edgewood Children's Ranch (right) during recognition at MetroWest's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Smooth JazzFest.
- Representatives of Amara apartments in MetroWest accept the \$200 cash prize for winning the Charity Challenge by contributing 400 items on Edgewood Children's Ranch's wish list.
- Headliner saxophonist Will Donato thrills the crowd with her performance at MetroWest's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Smooth JazzFest.
- A young attendee has her face Jazz guitarist Robert Harris performs as he walks through the crowd at MetroWest's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Smooth JazzFest.
- A young attendee gets her face painted during MetroWest's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Smooth JazzFest.

### **About MetroWest**

MetroWest, developed in 1985, is one of Orlando's first master-planned communities and features award-winning landscaping and MetroWest Golf Club, as well as all "A" public schools, Valencia College campus and convenient access to both I-4 and 408 from the West side of Orlando. MetroWest offers a community lifestyle with neighborhood businesses and outdoor recreation options. The diverse community is complemented by a range of living options, from single-family homes of all sizes to apartments and condominiums. For more information, please visit [www.MetroWestCommunity.com](http://www.MetroWestCommunity.com)