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Donna Scala's Estate Donates to Three Orlando Charities
Passionate and Creative Chef Celebrated at Year Anniversary Tribute

ORLANDO, Fla. – April 6, 2015 -- Donna Scala was an incredibly talented chef, gracious host and beloved friend who passionately operated La Luce in Orlando, Florida at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek and Bistro Don Giovanni in Napa, California. On Thursday, March 26, the one year anniversary of her passing, a tribute was held at La Luce to celebrate her life and honor her legacy. Donna believed strongly in giving back to the community. In her memory, Donna Scala's estate graciously gifted a total of \$37,500 to be divided among three local Orlando charitable organizations.

Hi Res photos available upon request.

Beta Center

BETA Center's mission is to give children and parents the knowledge and support needed for strong and healthy families, with a focus on teen moms and at-risk families.

In attendance, representing the organization was Ruth Patrick, CEO & President, and Jeanne Cooley, Director of Development.



From left to right:

Glen Winsor, General Manager Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Shirley Morehouse, Kitchen Supervisor La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Alberto Navarrete Arias, D 'Cuisine La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Jeanne Cooley, Director of Development Beta Center, Ruth Patrick, CEO & President Beta Center, Dannilo Zapatal Herrera, Chef La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Francis Metais, Director of Food & Beverage Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

Canine Companions for Independence

Canine Companions for Independence enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. The result is a life full of increased independence and loving companionship.

In attendance, representing the organization was Rip Rice, Director of Individual Giving, Martha Johnson , Public Relations Coordinator, and Carol Kallina who was with Peyton, one of the organization's service dogs.



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Glen Winsor, General Manager Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Shirley Morehouse, Kitchen Supervisor La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Alberto Navarrete Arias, Chef La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Carol Kallina, Facility Dog Recipient Canine Companions for Independence, Peyton, Facility Dog Canine Companions for Independence, Rip Rice, Director of Individual Giving Canine Companions for Independence, Dannilo Zapatal Herrera, Chef La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Francis Metais, Director of Food & Beverage Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

Lake Hills School

The mission of Lake Hills School is to provide special needs students with high quality learning opportunities and functional skills instruction, enabling each student to reach the highest level of achievement and to contribute to their community.

In attendance, representing the organization was Robin Meyers, Principal, Gale Linson, ADS District Coordinator for Lake County Schools, Brandon Encarnacion, Lake Hills Student, and Martha Encarnacion, Parent and Teacher Assistant.



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Glen Winsor, General Manager Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Shirley Morehouse, Kitchen Supervisor La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Kris Gullotta, Executive Assistant Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Alberto Navarrete Arias, D 'Cuisine La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Brandon Encarnacion, Student Lake Hills School, Robin Meyers, Principal Lake Hills School, Dannilo Zapatal Herrera, Chef La Luce at Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Francis Metais, Director of Food & Beverage Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

For over 50 years, Chef and restaurateur Donna Scala was immersed in the art of creative cuisine. It was her unique blend of taste and spirit that made her such an integral part of La Luce by Donna Scala, as well as throughout the Bonnet Creek Resort family. Since her passing in March 2014, Donna's legacy continues to shine at La Luce. Her exuberant energy and passion for creating delicious food and memorable experiences will live on in our hearts forever.

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