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Local Celebrities to battle it out on the dance floor. 16th Annual Stepping Out for Education is July 29-30

LEESBURG – Six Lake County community leaders will step out of their comfort zones this summer to raise money for Lake County Schools teachers and students at the 16th Annual Stepping Out for Education, Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30.

The three female and three male local celebrities will Fox Trot, Rumba, ChaCha, Swing and Tango during two full performances at this iconic fundraiser for the Education Foundation of Lake County, which will return to Mission Inn Resort and Club again this year.

Dancers will perform in the ballroom while the audience enjoys a four-course meal, and voting once dancing ends. Taking audience members through the captivating night of ballroom dancing as the emcee is Dr. Wade Winker of Eustis Lakeside Dental, accompanied by returning emcee from last year's event, Marc Robertz-Schwartz of Red Apples Media.

"We have an exciting lineup of enthusiastic local community leaders, who will each receive 20 hours of instruction with their professional partner. They'll be ready to dazzle and entertain on the dance floor. In addition, we will be showcasing student dancers from our local high schools." said Carman-Cullen-Batt, Executive Director of the Education Foundation of Lake County.

Eddie Rivera, owner of Dance It Studio in Orlando, will be serving as this year's Creative Director. Audience members will remember Rivera from previous years at Stepping Out for Education and will see him perform with one of the hometown celebrities.

This year's celebrity dancers are:

Jaime Bach, Owner, Jaime & Company Real Estate
Lori Myers, Assistant Principal, Sorrento Elementary
Shaunna Purdy, Owner, Kurt's A/C & Heat
David Helton, Administrator, Law Office of Pamela J. Helton, P.A.
Jimmy Adams, Project Manager, Electric Services, Inc.
Tyrell Rachel, Trainer/Coach, Infinity Fitness

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The evening will begin with cocktail hour at 5:30pm and dancing will commence at 7pm. Generous sponsors have stepped up to help support the event, including Akers Media, Electric Services, Inc., and Kurt's A/C and Heat as the presenting sponsors. Tickets are \$160 each and are expected to sell fast. They can be purchased at <https://edfoundationlake.ticketspice.com/stepping-out-for-education-2022>. For information about sponsorships, contact Carman Cullen-Batt at Cullen-battc@lake.k12.fl.us or call 352-326-1265.

About the Education Foundation of Lake County

Established in 1987, the Education Foundation of Lake County is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and designated direct support organization for Lake County Schools. Our mission is to serve as the connection between our community and public education, evaluating needs and securing resources to enhance the quality of education. The Education Foundation of Lake County operates for the benefit of students and teachers in Lake County Public Schools. The Education Foundation of Lake County is ranked among the Top 50 Education Foundations in the United States by the Caruthers Institute. For more info, please visit EdFoundationLake.com.

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