



# Rotary Club of College Park

## Rotary Club of College Park Foundation, Inc.

The 2024 edition of the ***Taste of College Park*** will be held October 10, 2024, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at The Great Southern Box Co. Food Hall & Bar in The Packing District. ***Taste of College Park*** is the primary fund-raising event for the Rotary Club of College Park Foundation, Inc.

***Taste of College Park*** combines food, wine, music, and silent/online auctions for an extraordinary evening in College Park. Over a dozen local restaurants and distributors provide food, beer, and wine. Local retailers supply items for the online/silent auction. College Park businesses and Rotary Club members sell over 300 tickets.

Beneficiaries of the net proceeds from ***Taste of College Park*** include:

- **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida** - a home away from home for families whose children are hospitalized during a medical crisis.
- **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** - in cooperation with the Dollywood Foundation. Since 2012, our club has provided thousands of free books to children from birth to five years of age.
- **Christian Service Center of Central Florida** – dedicated to preventing homelessness and combating poverty in our community.
- **One Heart for Women and Children** – to aid Central Florida families in crisis.
- **The Rotary Foundation** - including the “End Polio Now Initiative.” Since 1988 there has been a 99.9% reduction in new cases of polio worldwide – in 2023 less than 10 cases worldwide!
- **Student of the Month Program** - honoring students from four local schools each month - Edgewater High School, Bishop Moore Catholic High School, College Park Middle School, and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School - and providing scholarships to two area high schools.
- **Rotary's 4-Way Test Essay Scholarships** – seniors from Edgewater High School and Bishop Moore Catholic High School receive scholarships for further study based on writing an essay on Rotary's 4-Way Test and how it has or will impact their lives.

The net proceeds of ***Taste of College Park*** have been between \$25,000 and \$45,000 in recent years. Thanks to the support from restaurants, sponsors, College Park residents, and Rotary Club members, ***Taste of College Park*** has become ***“College Park's Best Night Out!”***

The Rotary Club of College Park believes that exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) should be a part of everything we do. We ask and encourage all our participants to respect this commitment as part of their participation with Taste of College Park.

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