9th ONE NIGHT IN THE Tropics

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UF/IFAS Tropical Research and Education Center
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Since our establishment in 1929, members of the community including local civic organizations have played an important role in assisting with funding our operations. In addition, as part of a land-grant university, we receive some support from federal, state, and county resources. But, for UF/IFAS TREC to excel and continue to deliver the level of service that you, our stakeholders, have grown accustomed to, up-to-date facilities and instrumentation are a requirement. Your continued support, however big or small, is critical to us meeting this need and enabling us to more effectively carry out our mission of addressing the agricultural and natural resources needs of our community. Therefore, we look forward to and remain extremely appreciative of your support. Once again, we thank you for having our back.

Edward 'Gilly' A. Evans
UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Underwriters will be recognized accordingly with appropriately-themed branding where the sponsor may elect to feature their name or logo. In-kind contributions of the underwriting options below will be considered. All underwriters will receive listed recognition in order of giving values in the event program.

Brand/Product Placement ...........$2,500  Cocktail Hour .........................$1,000
Live Entertainment .................. $2,000  Dancers .........................$750
Wine .............................................$1,500  Photo Experience ...............$500
Décor ........................................... $1,000  Dessert ..............................$250

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES*

At the root of all breakthroughs is knowledge. In providing scholarship opportunities for students, you do more than support the graduate student’s learning, you are investing in the student, the Center’s research, the community, and the world.

Academic (full year) ............... $10,800
Student Travel .....................$1,000-$5,000
Internships ............................. $3,000
Research ................................. $5,000

AUCTION DONATION

Please consider a donation to the One Night in the Tropics. All donations of goods and/or services are greatly appreciated. Proceeds from all items sold will benefit UF/IFAS TREC.

*Customizable underwriting opportunities and detailed scholarship information available upon request.
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**DIAMOND**

**Benefits:**
- Premier table for 8 guests with a VIP couple
- Full-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo placement on:
  - Event program
  - Event signage
  - Website
  - Social media (2 posts)
- Mention in event press release
- Spotlight in event reminder email

**Cost:** $5,500

**PLATINUM**

**Benefits:**
- Prominent table for 10 guests
- Half-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo placement on:
  - Event program
  - Event signage
  - Website
  - Social media (1 post)
- Mention in event press release

**Cost:** $3,800

**GOLD**

**Benefits:**
- Table for 8 guests
- Half-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo placement on:
  - Event program
  - Event signage
  - Website
- Mention in event press release

**Cost:** $3,000

Customizable sponsorship opportunities available upon request. *Ad specs provided upon sponsorship confirmation.
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**SILVER**

**Benefits:**
- Tickets for 5 guests
- Half-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo or mention in:
  - Event program
  - Event signage
  - Website

**Cost:** $2,200

**BRONZE**

**Benefits:**
- Tickets for 2 guests
- Quarter-page ad* in event program
- Sponsor category logo or mention in:
  - Event program
  - Event signage
  - Website

**Cost:** $1,100

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS**

$165 each online until October 27
Beginning October 28, $185 each online and at the door

Customizable sponsorship opportunities available upon request.
*Ad specs provided upon sponsorship confirmation.*
Please print as you wish it to appear on printed material:

_________________________ or, __________________________
Name                                                   Company Name

___________________________________________       ______________________________
Contact Name                                            Phone No.                                 E-Mail Address

Billing Address:                                         Mailing Address:


- DIAMOND: $5,500                                    - SILVER: $2,200
  (8 guests with a VIP couple)                         (Tickets for 5 guests)
- PLATINUM: $3,800                                   - BRONZE: $1,100
  (Prominent table for 10 guests)                     (Tickets for 2 guests)
- GOLD: $3,000                                        
  (Tickets for 8 guests)

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS  UNDERWRITING/IN-KIND DONATION/AUCTION ITEM(S)
$165                                                (Please specify the item and value)

CALCULATE YOUR TOTAL SUPPORT                           TOTAL ONE NIGHT IN THE TROPICS
SPONSORSHIP: $ ___________________                      SUPPORT, including Underwriting,
INDIVIDUAL TICKET(S): $ ___________________            Scholarship, and Auction Donation:
UNDERWRITING: $ ___________________

TOTAL: $ ____________________

ENCLOSE:
☐ A check in the amount of: ___________________ and payable to
   The University of Florida SHARE Foundation is enclosed.
☐ I am unable to attend, but I am enclosing a contribution of $ ____________________.
☐ To pay by credit card, please visit: tinyurl.com/onit2023

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