

# Masquerade Benefits Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation

**A** "MOMENTS IN TIME" MASQUERADE, an inaugural event, was held by the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, at the Santa Barbara Club, on May 2nd. Behind masks, participants enjoyed tarot card readings, fortune tellers, a silent and live auction, a casino, and dancing - all in support of a great cause.

"Until there is a cure for cancer, the demand for our services continues to grow," related Lindsey Leonard, TBCF's Executive Director. "Hosting events such as these helps us raise awareness about this terrible disease and enables us to continue our positive growth trajectory in order to help more families.

We owe everything to the hardworking committee members and volunteers that help us coordinate our events and the guests that attend and continue to support us year after year. Without the enduring support of the community, we would not be able to provide the breadth of quality services that we do."

One of a kind auction items included a diamond ring from Daniel Gibbings Jewelry; a private coaching session with Shaun Tomson, tickets to a private concert and dinner at the home of Kenny Loggins; VIP tickets to Dancing With the Stars; VIP tickets to Ellen Degeneres Show, and much more!

Moments In Time is aptly named after one of Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation's most beloved programs, and will feature a different theme each year in order to offer unique and memorable experiences to event guests. The Moments In Time program grants special requests to children with cancer, such as special outings, meeting celebrities, and uniquely themed parties.

During the evening, a surprise Moment In Time was presented to eleven year old Faith, diagnosed with stage 2 Hodgkin's lymphoma in January 2015. Faith was gifted a trip to the sold-out season finale of *American Idol* and a live taping of *The Voice* where she has since met Pharrell Williams, Blake Shelton, Christina Aguilera, and Adam Levine!

The mission of **Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation** is to provide emotional and financial support to families living in the Tri-Counties that have a child, from ages 0 - 21, with cancer. The organization has supported nearly 1,500 individuals and provided more than \$1.3 million in financial assistance to families living in the Tri-Counties since founded in 2002. To learn more about Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation, please call 962-7466 or visit [www.teddybearcancerfoundation.org](http://www.teddybearcancerfoundation.org).



A few masked revelers surrounding Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation's Chair are **Jon and Cynthia Peeples**; **Stan and Betty Hatch**; **Fiona Stone**; **Donna Barranco-Fisher**, TBCF Chair; **Mark Hunt**; **Rosio Almaguer**, TBCF Program Director; and **Sheela Hunt**



Pictured together are **Bryan Kerner**, Development Director, TBCF; and the Teddy Bear Honored Family **Laura DeBrum**, **Faith DeBrum**, **Ronnie DeBrum**, with **Lindsey Leonard**, Executive Director TBCF and **Nikki Greene**, Vice Chair



Sitting in the Santa Barbara Club Courtyard under the moon are **Mer James** and **Peter Hulst**



A entertaining and surprising fire dancer **Meighann Helene**