ShamRockin' For a Cure Combines Food, Music To Fight Cystic Fibrosis

The annual fundraiser is the brainchild of the parents of two Roswell children suffering from genetic disease.

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Last year, ShamRockin’ for a Cure filled the Alpharetta-based amphitheater with close to 1,500 guests, 40 corporate sponsors including its first presenting sponsor, Georgia’s Own Credit Union, and raised more than $307,000.

With this year’s event, which is once again sponsored by Georgia’s Own Credit Union, organizers hope fundraising efforts will push the event over the $1 million dollar milestone in just seven years.

When Roswell parents Jon and Pam Baker learned that their two sons had cystic fibrosis, they enlisted the support of friends to start the Baker Boys Battalion (http://shamrockinforacure.com/an-army-is-formed/), a fundraising team dedicated to raising dollars and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

In 2008, along with close friends and Alpharetta residents Chris and Mary Guiney, the Bakers created Shamrockin’ for a Cure, a grassroots fundraising event that brought friends together to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day to “eat, drink, and help cure cystic fibrosis.”

In those with cystic fibrosis, a defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that can clog the lungs and lead to life-threatening lung infections and obstruct the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down food and absorb vital nutrients.
Today, ShamRockin’ for a Cure is a premier party with a purpose that boasts food from 25 of the best restaurants in metro Atlanta, plenty of drink vendors to keep party cups full, live music, a dance floor, an incredible silent auction and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities in the live auction.

All of which is available to party-goers for just $85 per ticket ($33 tax deductible).

Tickets may be purchased online at www.shamrockinforacure.com (http://www.shamrockinforacure.com/) or by calling the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at 404.325.6973.

*Photo 1: Gavin and Jake Baker of Roswell, residents for whom ‘Shamockin’ for a Cure” event is dedicated. Credit: Abbey Breaux.*

*Photo 2: Festive St. Patrick’s Day-themed partygoers enjoy Shamrockin’ for a Cure. Credit: Abbey Breaux*
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Weather Alert: High Wind Advisory Followed by Arctic Front this Weekend (/georgia/dallas-hiram/weather-alert-high-wind-advisory-followed-arctic-front-weekend-0)

Wind chills will be in the teens and below in Dallas-Hiram by Saturday.

Valentine's Date at Waffle House? It'll Be One You Won't Forget (/georgia/dallas-hiram/valentines-date-waffle-house-itll-be-one-you-wont-forget-0)

If you love waffles (and hash browns, too), Waffle House will roll out the white tablecloth for you and your date on Valentine's Day.


The suspect has also been linked to two other armed robberies, including a bank in Lilburn.
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Investigation into heroin overdose deaths uncovered large drug trafficking ring.

Should Hank Aaron Statue Move With Braves? (/georgia/buckhead/should-hank-aaron-statue-move-braves-0)

The statue outside Turner Field has become a bone of contention now that the Braves are planning to move to Cobb County.

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Decision affects work at the big Orion Township’s Assembly Plant, where about 1,750 people are employed.

Wanda - Former Detroit Zoo Elephant Who Changed Ethics of Captivity - Dies (/michigan/royaloak/former-detroit-zoo-elephant-wanda-who-changed-zoo-ethics-dies)
The Detroit Zoo was the first zoo in the country to decide solely on ethical grounds to no longer keep elephants. Others followed suit.

The company launched its “legacy contact” feature in the United States Thursday.

Gov. Tom Wolf has asked N.H. Gov. Maggie Hassan to "intervene and put a stop to this threat."

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