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## **EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES INVITES YOU TO KICK UP YOUR HEELS AND RAISE A GLASS AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WINE WOMEN & SHOES FUNDRAISER**

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**, May 2, 2022 - Set aside your slippers and dust off your stilettos—Episcopal Children's Services will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Wine Women & Shoes event at Timuquana Country Club on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 6 p.m.

An irresistible blend of fashion and compassion, Wine Women and Shoes events are all about putting the “fun” in fundraiser. Wine Women and Shoes (WW&S) events give women the opportunity to get glamorous with their girlfriends while enjoying incredible varietals from top winemakers—all for a good cause. Episcopal Children's Services sip-sational event will feature wines from Justin, Vina Robles and Lapis Luna, a shoppable multi-designer marketplace with local and national clothing, shoe and accessory partners, and charming Shoe Guys™ serving up this season's must-haves on silver platters.

In addition to shopping peep-toes while sipping Pinots, guests will enjoy a Marketplace with the latest trends and go-to finds, a luxe raffle called “Key to the Getaway,” a silent auction and a fabulously fun fashion show with a few familiar faces. Starting today, Monday, May 2, 2022 everyone is invited to bid on exciting silent auction items and shop at amazing local and national clothing, shoe and jewelry vendors, all to benefit Episcopal Children's Services.

Tickets for next Thursday's event are \$125 with *all* proceeds benefiting Episcopal Children's Services whose mission is to create opportunity so that the children we serve can achieve their full potential. “The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Women & Shoes Jax event allows us to share our agency impact in the community and engage with supporters as well as those who are learning about our wonderful organization,” said ECS Chief Executive Officer Connie Stophel. “Episcopal Children's Services is pleased to produce this event to raise money for our youngest citizens in North and Central Florida and help the children and families we serve build a strong foundation for life.”

**To reserve tickets and bid on silent auction items, visit [winewomenandshoes.com/jax](http://winewomenandshoes.com/jax).**

Founded in Napa Valley in 2005, WW&S is a fun and fashionable national event series that lets women put their most generous foot forward, sip to their hearts' content, and laugh until their cheeks hurt. With events in over 200 cities—and counting—it has helped net over \$90 million for various causes across the country. Last year's virtual WWSJax event raised over \$60,000 for children and families in North and Central Florida.

### **About Episcopal Children's Services**

Episcopal Children's Services serves more than 25,000 children and their families in 14 counties in Florida. ECS offers School Readiness, Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Marion, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lake, Levy, Citrus and Alachua counties.

ECS uses research and best practices to help families ensure their children enter school ready to learn. Talented, dedicated teachers and staff work proactively with children from birth to age five and their families to build a strong educational foundation.