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Jake Owen Foundation Distributes Donations to Local Charities
Sold-Out Jake Owen Foundation Benefit Shows at Riverside Theatre
Owen and Singer/Songwriters Scotty Emerick, Jimmy Ritchie and Phillip White Amazed Vero Beach
Raising Funds for Nine Local Charities and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Vero Beach, Fla. – Country music star and Vero Beach native **Jake Owen** wrapped up a successful 2015 with a special event in his hometown December 11th and 12th, 2015 for an intimate performance at the Riverside Theatre, event host partner, to benefit the Jake Owen Foundation. The special sold-out evenings featured an acoustic set by Jake along with Singer/Songwriter **Scotty Emerick**, also from Vero Beach, and Nashville Songwriters **Jimmy Ritchey** and **Phillip White**. The benefit also included a sold-out VIP Sponsor Reception with Jake in attendance and silent & live auction.

The ninth annual concert successfully raised more than \$175,000, with more than 80% of funds raised remaining in Indian River County, for nine local charities and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Jake and his father Steve Owen, both on the board of the Jake Owen Foundation, visited two of the local organizations to personally deliver their donation from the Jake Owen Foundation. "It was such an honor for me and my Dad to visit the organizations in my hometown community who receive donations from our foundation," said Owen. "To see how important these donations are to each organization and, most importantly, the children and their families means so much to me. I feel blessed every day and giving back to my community will always be a priority in my life."

The nine local charities that received support from the Jake Owen Foundation this year are:

- **Boys & Girls Club of Indian River County/Vero Beach.** Its mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.
- **Hibiscus Children's Center.** Its mission is to provide safety for abused, abandoned and neglected children through prevention programs, residential programs, shelter programs, and recovery programs.
- **Mardy Fish Children's Foundation.** Its mission is to provide after school enrichment, health, and fitness programs in a safe and nurturing environment.
- **Riverside Theatre, Inc.** Florida's largest professional, independent producing, non-profit theatre, is committed to providing a total theatre arts experience that entertains, challenges, and educates both adults and children and home to one of Florida's largest performing arts training programs for children, Riverside Children's Theatre.
- **Education Foundation of Indian River County, Inc. (EF-IRC).** EF-IRC is an independent and self-funded organization, exists to fulfill unmet funding gaps of the School District of Indian River County through six core programs that link and engage community leaders in the process of supporting public education.
- **Youth Guidance Donation Fund of Indian River County, Inc.** Youth Guidance is dedicated to enriching the lives of Indian River County youth through mentoring relationships that inspire trust, self-esteem and positive futures.
- **Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County.** Its vision and mission is helping local students realize their dream of going to college by providing need-based scholarships.

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- **Indian River Golf Foundation (IRGF).** The purpose of the IRGF is to promote interest and awareness of local golfing opportunities and to encourage participation in programs that will lead to high levels of knowledge, player development and service in the game of golf.
- **Live Like Cole Foundation.** The foundation endeavors to support individuals and organizations adopting Cole’s philosophy of always helping where help is needed and lifting those up around them by encouraging self-worth and one’s own importance.

Founded in 2010, the **Jake Owen Foundation** was created to offer its support on a national level to children battling cancer and other childhood diseases while also lending its support to youth organizations and various charities in Owen’s hometown area of Indian River County, Fla. The local organizations benefiting from the foundation’s annual concert assist youth with illnesses, shelter, food, education, health and fitness, the arts and the opportunity to better themselves through various programs and organizations.

Jake Owen has had five No. 1 singles to date - the 2X PLATINUM anthem “Barefoot Blue Jean Night,” PLATINUM-certified hits “Beachin’,” “Anywhere with You,” “Alone with You” and “The One That Got Away.” The RCA Nashville recording artist will release his fifth studio album [on July 29, 2016](#), produced by award-winning songwriters/producers Shane McAnally and Ross Copperman plus Owen co-produced three tracks, which marks his first time as a co-producer with Lukas Bracewell. The Vero Beach, FL native is well known for his high-energy performances and laid-back style.

For further information about the **Jake Owen Foundation Benefit Concert**, call **C & H Events** at 561.394.9190 or visit www.chevents.com/jakeowen. For more information on the **Jake Owen Foundation** visit www.jakeowen.net/charity.

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