



## Hail to the Chief - Annual Dinner Honors Alan Gustafson

Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation's Annual Dinner and Auction is one of the most highly-anticipated events of the year, and this year was no exception as the Foundation honored NASCAR crew chief and Ormond Beach native, Alan Gustafson. Alan is responsible for making sure stock car legend Mark Martin is in the front of the pack; but for one evening Mark made sure that it was his trusted crew chief who was in the driver's seat.

Dr. Jerry Punch returned as the evening's Master of Ceremonies and set the stage for an exciting night of food, fun and fellowship.

Mr. Gustafson was feted not only by Mark Martin, but by his alma mater, Seabreeze High School, as Bob Wallace presented him with a commemorative brick honoring his accomplishments as a Sand Crab alum.

NASCAR legend, Darrell Waltrip, returned to the podium as this year's auctioneer and provided the comedy portion of the evening. Guests were in stitches as Darrell provided his own brand of spirited commentary for every item up for sale — and his hard work paid off as over \$11,000 was raised in the auction alone to support Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation!

A raffle was also held where ticket holders won valuable gifts including a chocolate basket, hotel stays, and autographed NASCAR and Orlando Magic memorabilia.

Once again the evening was an overwhelming success, and we look forward to another sellout in 2011!



**Top: Mark Martin introduces guest of honor, Alan Gustafson**



**Left: Darrell Waltrip doing what he does**

## Building for the Future

With tremendous pride we celebrate Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare - its history, its accomplishments, and its future. Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation has never been more poised to build on its solid foundation. The work the Foundation does supports SMA's mission to deliver exceptional and comprehensive behavioral healthcare to individuals and families in our community – a community where addiction and mental illness are treated promptly, comprehensively, and with respect for all.

Over the years, many individuals, organizations, and businesses have come to share our vision and have supported our cause. This support has continued right through the last couple of difficult years.

It is hard to believe that the Vince Carter Sanctuary just completed its first year of operation. What started as a meager 50-bed barrack-style facility has blossomed into a world class recovery and research center. Around 75 clients have been served in the 3 new buildings over the course of the past year. Recently, Vince Carter and Michelle Carter-Scott attended the 1st Annual Alumni Reunion held at the Sanctuary.

With efforts over the last several years, champion Congressman John Mica was successful to help secure funding to construct Phase 2 of the Vince Carter Sanctuary - a 6,866 square foot multi-use building. The multi-use building will be located in the northwest corner of the campus, and its construction will begin by the end of this year.

The history, achievements, and people of SMA is an opportunity to celebrate, and we look forward to our future.

Deborah Zeoli, President



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## The Foundation Out and About

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Left: Tim Daniel of Daniel Legal presenting \$10,000 to the Deborah Zeoli, President of the Foundation



Deborah Zeoli and the gang at Vann Data getting ready to paint a recovery home on Day of Service



Julie Beard (Vann Data), Pam Miller (Foundation) and Janice Huffstickler (Vann Data) stand behind equipment donated during Vann Data's annual Earth Day computer recycling event

## Annual Dinner (continued)



Clockwise from left: Andrew Gurtis, Jimmy Foster & Jim Foster; Senator Evelyn Lynn; Dr. Jerry Punch; Alan Gustafson and Bob Wallace; Dr. Punch, Dr. Ernie Cantley & Deborah Zeoli, Mark Martin & wife, Leon Bright & Walter Curry



## Spotlight: Andrew Gurtis



To know Andrew Gurtis is to know how committed he is to serving his community and serving it well. A true Floridian, Andrew was born and raised in Winter Park attending Bishop Moore High School. Upon graduation he headed to Indiana to attend the University of Notre Dame.

His professional career sent him as far out as Salt Lake City, Utah, but brought him back home to Florida where he began his long career with Daytona International Speedway (DIS) and International Speedway Corporation (ISC). Starting off as the Manager of Marketing Services at DIS, he worked his way up to become the Director of Marketing and then Director of Licensing for ISC. A long stint as Vice President of DIS paved the way for him to be named President of Darlington Raceway in Darlington, South Carolina. Andrew returned to the Sunshine State in 2004 where he was named Managing Director of Business Operations for ISC. His current role is Vice President of Operations for Daytona International Speedway.

Andrew Gurtis' impressive professional career is equally matched by his contributions as an advocate for substance abuse treatment and research. Andrew joined Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare's Board of Directors in 1996

and joined the Foundation's board in 2007. He has served as co-chairman of the Foundation's dinner committee since 2000 no doubt a major factor in why this event has been so overwhelmingly successful year after year.

Andrew's passion for both SMA and the Foundation's missions combined with his natural leadership abilities lead him to be elected Vice Chair of Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare's Board of Directors.

Regarding his service on the board, Andrew states, "I will work hard to live up to the leadership standards of this great organization. We are blessed with a dedicated, hard-working board and staff with great support from our community. I know from experience we will rise to the challenges in providing quality mental health and substance abuse treatment services in this community."

Andrew acknowledges his own team of supporters in wife Aimee, sons Alex and Jack, and daughter Morgan. When he is not working hard at the Speedway or letting his voice be heard in support of SMA, he enjoys reading, traveling, exercising and surfing.

## Research Update: Virtual Reality Lab at VCS

The Virtual Reality (VR) Laboratory at the Vince Carter Sanctuary is now operational! Virtual Reality has been around for years, but as time passes, we are seeing the real applications coming into life in areas such as behavioral healthcare.

The system incorporates visual, auditory, olfactory, and kinesthetic stimuli that allow the individual to experience 'real life situations' in the safety of a controlled environment. It consists of a computer with a stereoscopic helmet mounted display and head tracker, bio-feedback equipment, scent generation system with over 15 different scents, audio amplifier and a vibration platform.

Virtual Reality technology allows you to experience "real life settings" in the safety of a controlled laboratory where the therapist is present. Costs are considerably less than in vivo exposure; there is total control of the experience without leaving the treatment facility; and there is complete patient confidentiality.

The Databank Study has over 50 participants and we anticipate having close to 100 by the end of the year. This data will be used locally as well as nationally to improve access to and treatment of addiction.



Art Cortes demonstrates virtual reality for Michelle Carter-Scott

## In Loving Memory—Tom McClelland

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Tom McClelland served on the Stewart-Marchman-Act Foundation Board of Directors from April 2000 serving as Vice Chairman for many years. He was the driving force behind the golf tournaments and helped with the Annual Dinner performing many roles. He will be missed.



Tom McClelland, shown here escorting Terri and Benny Parsons at an annual dinner.



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