

Judds' Love CAN Build a Bridge... to Better Healthcare in Central Florida

LADY LAKE, Fla., Sept. 22, 2011 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Mother and daughter country legends Naomi and Wynonna Judd will make their final scheduled Central Florida stop on their Last Encore Tour, October 15, as headliners of The Grand Oaks Festival featuring The Judds, to benefit the Alliance Healthcare Foundation.

Gates open at 10 a.m. for the music festival which will feature opening acts The Calhouns, McKinley and Beggs, Rob Nichols, Norman Lee, and Donna Moore. The Judds are scheduled to appear at 3 p.m. at the 400-acre outdoor venue located midway between Orlando and Ocala and just eight miles from The Villages. The concert, taking place at the equine-inspired Grand Oaks Resort, will benefit the Alliance Healthcare Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that provides philanthropic support for Leesburg Regional Medical Center and The Villages Health System.

Tickets are \$35 lawn seating, \$60 guaranteed general admission seating, and \$125 VIP preferred seating. All major credit cards are accepted. For directions to the resort, visit <http://www.TheGrandOaks.com> . Tickets are available through <http://www.ticketmaster.com> or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

“When Naomi co-wrote ‘Love Can Build A Bridge’ and released it in 1990, it was almost like a goodbye to family and fans,” said Ted Williams, Alliance Healthcare Foundation President. “After she and daughter Wynonna had won the Country Music Association’s Vocal Group/Duo of the Year Award every year from 1985 to 1991, Naomi was diagnosed with a chronic illness that nearly took her life and led to her retirement from touring with her daughter. Today, through perseverance and the wonders of medical science, she has come back stronger and healthier than ever.”

From an early age, Wynonna recalls her mother encouraging her and her siblings to be contributing members of the community. “The most important gift we can give anybody is kindness,” says Naomi. “I think we’re here to grow and love and be of service.” So it’s no wonder that the duo wholeheartedly agreed to the benefit concert to support the Alliance Healthcare Foundation. “It was an absolute yes,” Naomi says.

“Fundraising events such as this concert and those we have planned for the future are essential for the progress and growth of our hospitals and the services we provide,” said Williams. “With the challenges of operating a successful contemporary health care organization, the need for broad gift support from our friends in the community is greater than ever before.

The Judds have won over 60 industry awards – including five Grammy Awards – and will sing classic breakout hits including “Mama, He’s Crazy,” “Why Not Me,” “Love Can Build a Bridge,” “Girls Night Out,” and “Grandpa (Tell Me ‘Bout the Good Old Days).” Wynonna will also perform some of her biggest

hits.

About The Alliance Healthcare Foundation:

The Alliance Healthcare Foundation (cfhalliance.org/giving_overview.htm) is a not-for-profit Foundation which provides philanthropic support for Leesburg Regional Medical Center and The Villages Health System in Central Florida. The Foundation's mission is to provide a margin of excellence for quality healthcare in the communities served by these hospitals through fundraising, friend-raising, leadership and donor engagement.

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