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Tickets on sale for annual Dancing with the Martin Stars

Stuart, Fla. – Eight Martin County “celebrities” have been hard at work practicing and preparing for the 3rd annual Dancing with the Martin Stars event hosted by the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition. This year the event will take place at the historic Lyric Theatre in downtown Stuart on Saturday, September 28 and tickets are now on sale through the Lyric Theatre box office.

Celebrities dancing for this year’s event are Rosalind Neilen, of Rosalind’s Fitness Studios; Leslie Haviland-Smith, of Keiser University; community volunteer Eileen Morris; Wendy Hudson, representing Seacoast National Bank; Kenneth Norman, of McCarthy, Summers, Bobko, Wood, Norman, Bass & Melby; Patrick Murray from the Martin County School District; Michael Flough of Michael Flough, Landscape Architect P.L; and Chad Hastings, of Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith.

Dancers have already begun practicing their footwork with the help of their professional partners from various dance studios throughout Martin County. Star dancers will not only have to dedicate their time to learning their dance routines, they also will be challenged with trying to raise more money than their competitors. The dancer with the combined highest fundraising amount and overall dance score will be crowned the winner of the event.

Star dancer Leslie Haviland-Smith has been hard at work learning the steps for the Cha-Cha which she will be dancing with professional partner, Travis Scott. “We’ve been practicing each week at Fred Astaire Dance Studio and Travis has been a great instructor,” says Haviland-Smith. “It’s been a whole new experience for me and I’m really loving every minute of it.”

This year ticket purchasers will have the option to select which dancer they are supporting. When tickets are purchased in favor of a specific dancer the price paid is added to the dancer’s total

fundraising amount. Online ticket purchasers can select their favorite dancer by utilizing the apply discount button when on the shopping cart page.

Tickets are going fast! Prices range from \$45 to \$125 and can be purchased online at www.lyrictheatre.com or by contacting the Lyric Theatre box office at 286-7827. To support your favorite dancer and the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, visit <http://www.mchealthystart.org/martinstars>.

Sponsorship opportunities for this event are still available. If you or your organization would like to sponsor the 2013 Dancing with the Martin Stars please contact Aubrey Campbell at acampbell@mchealthystart.org or call 772-463-2888.

About Martin County Healthy Start Coalition

Martin County Healthy Start Coalition is a community-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that offers support and education to pregnant women and infants. Prenatal and infant health screenings, childbirth education, counseling services, and parenting education classes are available to families to ensure that all babies are born healthy. Connect with Martin County Healthy Start on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MCHHealthyStart. For more information call 772-463-2888 or visit www.mchealthystart.org.

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Suggested Photo Caption: Dance partners Travis Scott and Leslie Haviland-Smith are preparing to show their fanciest footwork at the 2013 Dancing with the Martin Stars event.