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NFLRA ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF SUPER BOWL TICKET DONATIONS

Annual contribution benefits charities across the nation serving a variety of causes

HOUSTON -- Each year, the NFL Referees Association (NFLRA) donates Super Bowl tickets to charities in support of a variety of important causes. This year, more than 20 tickets were donated to non-profit organizations across the nation.

Tickets donated in 2017 went to outstanding organizations such as:

- Alzheimer's of Central Alabama
- American Diabetes Association
- Children's Hospital & Medical Center (Omaha, Neb.)
- George Mark Children's House
- JDRF
- LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Melanoma Research Foundation
- Prostate Cancer Foundation
- Susan G. Komen
- Yellow Ribbon Fund

"The NFLRA is proud to be able to give back to the community in such a meaningful way," said NFLRA Executive Director Scott Green. "Off the field, our members frequently support charities that are important to them, but it's special for us to be able to do this as an organization as well."

Each organization had a unique way of utilizing the donated tickets. Some featured them in live auctions and raffles, and others used them as benefits for hard-working fundraisers.

"We are so grateful for the NFLRA's support of the important work we are doing at the Children's Hospital & Medical Center," said Morgan Thomsen, the foundation's director of annual giving. "We provide care to more than 250,000 children each year. The money raised by the live auction at our annual gala is essential in our

dedication to exceptional clinical care, research, education and advocacy."

Umpire Roy Ellison, a 14-year veteran, personally delivered tickets on behalf of the American Diabetes Association to contest winner, Marlissa Clarke at Florida Hospital. Clarke is a participant and fundraiser for ADA's upcoming Tour de Cure at Lake Nona.

"For some of our members, Super Bowl is a work day," Green said. "For most of Americans, it's a day full of fun, family, friends, food and football. We can think of no better way to celebrate than by giving back to these incredibly deserving charities."



Umpire Roy Ellison, right, presents Marlissa Clarke with two Super Bowl 51 tickets on behalf of the American Diabetes Association. [Watch the video from Florida Hospital here.](#) The NFLRA annually donates Super Bowl tickets to non-profits organization.

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