A Heartfelt Event with the Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco County

Sandpearl Resort to host event in collaboration with the Heart Gallery

CLEARWATER, Florida – October 13, 2011 - Sandpearl Resort of Clearwater Beach will be hosting a special event with the Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco County on Friday, October 14th. The event, a "Match Event," will bring prospective families together with foster children in search of a permanent home.

Children and prospective families will enjoy a lunch on the resort's Gulf Lawn, after which children will visit the Clearwater Marine Aquarium to meet Winter the dolphin and the other animals living there. The Heart Gallery works closely with the Clearwater Marine Aquarium as many of the animals in the aquarium have been "adopted" into their permanent home there. Children will also have some fun on the beach, learning how to build sandcastles from the professionals.

The Heart Gallery of Pinellas and Pasco County is one of over 120 countrywide Heart Galleries. The Heart Gallery is a nonprofit traveling photographic and audio exhibit that was founded 9 years ago in an effort to increase adoption rates of foster children across the United States. The nonprofit works with children in foster care, collaborating with world-famous photographers who take soulful and insightful pictures that show the personality of each child. The program has become one of the most successful adoption programs in the country and is being replicated by communities in every state. Heart Gallery has been featured on shows such as The View, Oprah, and MSNBC for their success in increasing adoption rates of foster children. Find out more about Heart Gallery, volunteer, donate, or share success stories at www.heartgalleryofamerica.org.

Sandpearl Resort has been an integral part of the Clearwater area since its opening and is committed to giving back to the community. The resort offers onsite experiential offerings and services designed to immerse guests in the local culture and nature that surrounds Clearwater Beach. From family-focused programs such as Camp Ridley, Sandpearl Resort's exclusive children's activity program, or Clearwater Marine Aquarium's behind-the-scenes tour, to couples-focused activities such as organic food and wine tasting class or Caladesi Island tour, the resort focuses on making guests' stay at the resort a memorable one.

About Sandpearl Resort

Sandpearl Resort is a grand beachfront retreat nestled away in Clearwater Beach, Florida. Situated along a 700-foot expanse of pristine Gulf Coast beach, this fresh resort blends eco-conscious luxury with unparalleled amenities and features 253 guest rooms and suites, a lagoon-style beachfront pool with private cabanas, unique lifestyle enrichment programs, fine & casual dining, a full-service spa featuring signature pearl treatments, plus state-of-the-art meeting & event space. In efforts to remain a timeless installation coupled with its deep regard for the environment, the eco-luxury resort has

included a number of energy-efficient and environmentally conscious elements into its design and construction. As a result, it has been recognized as the first Silver LEED Certified resort in Florida, and one of 15 worldwide, making it a leading example for the future of "building better" on a global level. Both the Sandpearl Resort and its signature restaurant, Caretta on the Gulf, are AAA Four Diamond Award recipients.

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