



Soul Revival 2008

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ORGAN DONATION AT HEART OF FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

WHAT: *SOUL REVIVAL 2008, a fundraiser for the Legacy Donor Foundation*
WHEN: *Saturday, March 8, 2008 - Patron Party 6:30-7:30, Main Event 7:30-12*
WHERE: *Harrah's Fulton Street Experience*

Soul Revival rocked the courtyard at the Fulton Street experience. Begun in 1999 to raise funds for Legacy Donor Foundation to generate awareness of the urgent need for organ and tissue donation, Soul Revival exemplifies the heart and soul of the people of New Orleans. John Boutte entertained the major sponsors at the Patron Party held at the jazz lounge 528. The revelers then second lined to the Fulton Street Courtyard where tables were laden with soul food provided by the Harrah's New Orleans and flowers provided by Mardi Gras Productions. Shades of Praise started the party with their spiritual harmonizing as Val Vaughn, a liver transplant recipient, moved the crowd with her amazing solo. Local legends E.L.S topped off the evening by keeping the crowd rocking and rolling on the dance floor for the rest of the night.

One donor can save as many as nine lives. More than 1,600 people across Louisiana are waiting for life-saving organ transplants, almost 100,000 across the nation. The critical shortage of donated organs in the United States means that an average of 18 people die waiting each day for life-saving transplants. Every 13 minutes another man, woman or child is added to the waiting list. "The amazing part is that it's available now – it's not something that takes years of research or millions of dollars in development. Anyone who donates his or her organs can save lives immediately. Organ donation is not a search for a cure – it is the cure."

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