

# For Literacy's Sake: Winter Wonderland's Holiday Soiree Brings in Spirit of the Season

CLEARWATER, FL, US, December 6, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Raising funds for literacy was on the agenda for Winter Wonderland's first "Holiday Soiree" on Tuesday the 4th of December. The event was a fundraiser for two charities that support literacy - Clearwater's Community Learning Center and St. Petersburg's Bees Learning Inc. Winter Wonderland is produced by the [Clearwater Community Volunteers](#) and sponsored by the [Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization](#). Winter Wonderland is located on the corner of North Fort Harrison Ave. and Drew Street in downtown Clearwater.



Fundraiser for Literacy Programs brings adults to enjoy Clearwater's Winter Wonderland

Activities included visits with Santa, a petting zoo, a wine tasting with Mrs. Claus and heavy hors d'oeuvres created by the award-winning chefs of the Fort Harrison, the Church's international religious retreat.

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*L. Ron Hubbard*

“The magic of the holiday season can get lost when you grow up,” said Lisa Mansell of the Church of [Scientology](#). “It can be a stressful time and we wanted to create an event to bring back some of the sparkle to the holidays, while also helping two worthwhile charities give the magic of learning to Pinellas County youth.

“Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard was a firm believer

in the power of education and once wrote, ‘As long as children and young men and women find pleasure in study, they will continue studying throughout life - and upon that depends their happiness.’ The two charities that we are supporting are giving a gift that lasts a lifetime,” said Mansell.

Winter Wonderland, now in its 26th year, has become a staple for Tampa Bay area families. This free community event opened on December 1st and will continue through to the 22nd of December (Wednesdays to Sundays). Visitors are encouraged to bring non-perishable food or an

unwrapped toy to be distributed to area charities that help families in need. There are small costs for some activities, with those funds also going to area charities, providing holiday celebrations for families who may not otherwise have the wherewithal for this time of year.

For more information about the event, please call Michael or Clem at (727) 316-5309.

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