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THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SPECIAL APPEARANCES BY GEORGE STRAIT AND BRAD PAISLEY AT THE 9TH ANNUAL NASHVILLE HONORS GALA

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Event to be held at Nashville's Omni Hotel on Monday, February 27 with proceeds benefiting leukemia, cancer and AIDS research



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (January 17, 2017) –

The T.J. Martell Foundation is proud to announce that five-time Entertainer of the Year **George Strait** and country music superstar **Brad Paisley** will perform at the 9th Annual T.J. Martell Foundation Nashville Honors Gala taking place at the Omni Hotel on Monday, February 27, 2017.

This year's honorees are as follows:

Janet Miller – Spirit of Nashville Award

Dr. Joseph Smith – Medical Research Advancement Award

Scott Hamilton –Humanitarian Award

Rod Essig – Frances Preston Outstanding Music Industry Achievement Award
Louis Messina – Tony Martell Lifetime Entertainment Achievement Award

The Nashville Honors Gala is one of the T.J. Martell Foundation's premier events that pays tribute to outstanding community leaders – each honoree is celebrated with a musical performance and a heartwarming presentation. The event has raised more than \$4 million for leukemia, cancer and AIDS research since its inception in 2009. The 9th Annual T.J. Martell Foundation's "Nashville Honors Gala" is co-chaired by Ali Harnell and Danielle Bouharoun.

"It is both an honor and a privilege to be co-chairing one of the most anticipated events in Nashville each year," Harnell says. "The T.J. Martell Foundation is one of the most respected organizations in the country that continues to raise unprecedented funds and awareness in its efforts to find a cure for leukemia, cancer and AIDS. We are saluting altruism at its finest with this great group of honorees."

Tables, tickets and journal ads congratulating the honorees are available by contacting (615) 256-2002. Visit www.tjmartell.org for more information.

About the T.J. Martell Foundation:

The T.J. Martell Foundation is a national organization founded by the music industry, whose mission is to fund innovative leukemia, cancer and AIDS research at flagship hospitals in the United States including the Frances Williams Preston Laboratories at the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. To learn more about the T.J. Martell Foundation please visit www.tjmartell.org.

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