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THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES TEAMS AND SPONSORS FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL
'DOWNTOWN DERBY BED RACE' ON MAY 6, 2017

EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITING
LEUKEMIA, CANCER AND AIDS RESEARCH

Last day to register a team is April 21

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 10, 2017) – The T.J. Martell Foundation Young Professionals Council is proud to host the second annual “Downtown Derby Bed Race” on Saturday, May 6, beginning at 9 a.m. in downtown Nashville. The race encourages Music Row and local businesses to have a fun competition, all while raising money for leukemia, cancer and AIDS research. This year’s teams include APA, CAA, UTA, WME, Warner Music Nashville, Opry Entertainment, Margaritaville, Tin Roof, Jim 'N Nicks, Omni Hotel, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center and more. The deadline to [register a team](#) is Friday, April 21. There will be a bed building workshop on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23.

The “Downtown Derby Bed Race” is a competition in which teams build and decorate their own beds to race up 5th Avenue to Bridgestone Plaza all in support of cancer research. Teams that raise the most money can earn “head starts” on race day. Exciting prizes will be awarded to the winning team at a post-race ceremony at Bridgestone Plaza. Additional awards will be presented for “Best Decorated” and “Best in Spirit.” The “Shining Star” award will be presented to the individual who raises the most money through online fundraising. The winning teams will receive an exceptional collection of gift cards from local merchants, businesses and services.

“The T.J. Martell Foundation Young Professionals Council introduced the Downtown Derby Bed Race last year and netted over \$70,000 for innovative medical research,” said Shawn Parr, T.J. Martell Foundation, Southern Region Board Member and event MC. “They are taking this year’s event to the next level, and we hope the Bed Race will grow into a Nashville tradition for years to come.”

“This event is a unique opportunity for Nashville’s entertainment industry and local business community to join forces in raising funds for a very worthy cause. We are thrilled to be able to present this in Music City and shine a spotlight on companies banding together against cancer, leukemia and aids,” said Zach Farnum, co-chair of the Young Professionals Council.

2017 sponsors include Warner Music Nashville, Catalano Companies, First Tennessee, Dunkin Donuts, Huskins-Harris Business Management, Outback Concerts, WME, Sarah Beth and Grace Ann Perry, and Holly and Chuck Hawkins. For more information or to make a donation, visit www.bedraceashville.com.

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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