

Briefly

Charity group surpasses \$1 million

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The Research Is The Answer Foundation has passed the \$1 million mark in fundraising to support breast cancer research at the Baptist Cancer Institute, after holding its sixth annual Black Tie Gala at San Jose Country Club July 24.

The Southside-based non-profit organization was founded in 1997 by a group of tennis players who wanted to do something for charity, and is run by Chuck and Nancy Jantz. An announcement about the milestone was made before an audience of 230 at the gala, coming to a grand total of \$1.17 million, \$275,000 of that raised this year.

The Jantzes have been honored this year with the Women's Center of Jacksonville's Helping Hands Award, and the 12 Who Care award.

Three more RITA events are scheduled for this year: the Lexus Champions for Charity Golf tournament Monday, Oct. 11; the SeniorRITAs at Sawgrass Women's Tennis Tournament and Auction on Wednesday, Oct. 20, through Sunday, Oct. 24; and the Caring And Sharing Hope 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, Nov. 20. The last event is a fundraising opportunity for all non-profit organizations, which would receive 100 percent of the money their teams raise.

For more information on the RITA Foundation Inc., call Jantz at (904) 363-1493.