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### Tropical event brings in \$115,000 to fight cancer

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FAYETTEVILLE — More than 400 people wearing Hawaiian shirts, floral-print dresses, sandals and colorful leis filled the Fayetteville Town Center on July 15, all with the purpose of fighting cancer.

The fifth annual One Particular Harbor event raised \$ 115,000 for The Ryan Gibson Foundation, which has the singular goal of helping to find a cure for leukemia.

The foundation was inspired by the late Ryan Gibson, who died in 2001 of a bacterial infection following a long struggle with leukemia, a disease of the bone marrow and blood. During its five-

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year history, the Gibson foundation has donated more than \$ 150, 000 to organizations that support research and testing for leukemia drugs and cures.

Carol Lynn Gibson, Ryan’s mother, said she was very excited that the event had its highest turnout yet, with many new faces in the crowd.

“I think people are attracted to the foundation because it’s a small foundation and they know exactly where the money goes,” Gibson says. “It’s very heartwarming to feel all the support.”

This year’s \$ 50, 000 grant recipient was Dr. Marcel van den Brink, chief of adult bone marrow transplant services at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. During the party, Sloan-Kettering representative Johannes Zakrzewski spoke on behalf of the organization. Hook Harmeling of Dallas, the foundation’s founder and president, also addressed the crowd during the event.

Bright linens and tropical plants decorated the guest tables, and music for the evening was provided by Big Un’s. Suzie Stephens served Caribbean fare for the event.

Guests had the opportunity to bid on about 145 silent auction items, including artwork, a dining table set, jewelry, sports memorabilia, a wool rug and two handpainted One Particular Harbor deck chairs.

Five popular live auction items also helped the foundation’s coffers, with the most fervent bidding taking place for a copy of the Arkansas vs. University of Southern California offensive game plan, autographed by UA offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn. The item sold for \$ 7, 100. Other live auction items included an authentic New Belgium Brewery Fat Tire bicycle, a Mediterranean dinner and wine party for 12 at the home of Christine and Randy Meier, a Razorbacks party for 30 with food from Catering Unlimited and a vacation for six to Destin, Fla. Ryan’s legacy July 15 WHAT: The fifth annual One Particular Harbor fundraiser WHERE: Fayetteville Town Center THE LOOT: Some \$ 115, 000 was raised for the Ryan Gibson Foundation.

» **Willie Nelson @ The Aud in Eureka Springs, 10/26**  
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