

# Destin Charity Wine Auction Unveils Historic Auction Lot

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Panama City Beach, Fla. - Today, a Destin foundation held a live unveiling for the largest auction lot in foundation history. Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation partnered up with St. Joe Community Foundation. They announced their largest auction lot item will be a 2010 Tesla Roadster Sports Car.

The atmosphere was definitely "electric," as the Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation unveiled their largest auction item in the event's 12 year history.

"We are going to announce one of our big auction lots and a partnership with the St. Joe Community Foundation. We're super excited about this. We actually partner with St. Joe Company for our fall festival coming up this year and now we are partnering up with the Foundation for a release of what will be one of our auction lots in the auction in April," said Chairman, George Brannon Jr., Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation.

The crowd erupted in applause as not one, but two electric Tesla sports cars arrived at Watersound Cafe. The foundation has waited for 12 years to bring a car to their auction and they say it was worth their wait.

"Today we are unveiling two Tesla roadsters to auction one of them off at the auction in April. We are going to let the community decide which one. I believe there is a black and a white one. Super fun little cars. It does zero to 60 MPH in 3.76 seconds. So we are hoping to raise money for kids and raise a lot of money through the St. Joe Community Foundation and auction off one of these Teslas," explained Brannon, Jr.

The foundation is letting the public decide which color Tesla will be auctioned off at the groups annual event. All of the proceeds will go to the directly back to the community and will benefit local groups like Food For Thought.

"The St. Joe Community Foundation was fortunate enough to receive the Teslas from one of our benefactors. And we would like to raise funds to give it back out to the community. To give it back out to the nonprofits, because that's what the foundation is all about," said Janet Greeno, Executive Director of St. Joe Community Foundation.

Officials are expecting this new partnership to make the upcoming auction the largest they've had yet.

"We provide services and grants to nonprofits in Bay and Walton for healthcare, education, cultural events and environmental issues. So, raising more funds by the use of having an auction lot in the Destin Charity Wine Auction helps us give back even more money to the community and to the nonprofits," Greeno said.

The voting is now open to the public. The cars will be parked at the Watersound Cafe off Highway 98 through April 15th. People can go take a look and cast their vote on which color will the want to be auctioned off.

The event is April 29th at Grand Boulevard. The winning bidder on the Tesla will also get a free stay at Origins at Watersound as part the prize package. Tickets are now available online at [www.dcwaf.org/tickets](http://www.dcwaf.org/tickets).