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10th Annual Tommy Tant Memorial Surf Classic Celebrating a Decade of Community Support

September 14, 2009 -- The 10th Annual Tommy Tant Memorial Surf Classic returns to the Flagler Pier in Flagler Beach, FL on Saturday, October 10, and Sunday October 11, 2009. This annual event is held in tribute to one of Flagler Beach's local surf standouts, Tommy Tant, who passed away in 1998 from an aortic aneurism. All proceeds from the event fund the Tommy Tant Memorial Scholarship, awarded locally, and the Flagler Resource Center, which provides food to children and families in need in Flagler County.

Now a two-day event, the 10th Annual Tommy Tant anticipates 300 surfers and thousands of spectators. Enter online at www.tommytant.com. "Each year, we are amazed at the way community joins together to celebrate Tommy's life in an event that is now shared by generations of families," says the Tant Family. "This year, we are especially excited to celebrate a decade of community support."

For the second year, Fuel TV has signed on as the Official Media Sponsor. "FUEL TV is proud to support the 10th Annual Tommy Tant Memorial Surf Classic," says Danielle Kaplan, FUEL TV Marketing Director. "The Tant Family has created an amazing annual event that supports the local community and we're excited to be involved each year."

Top local and professional surfers will compete for a cash purse in the Pro-Am contest. Kids who require adult assistance to surf will also compete in the highlight division, Tadpoles. "The event is a family-oriented love fest in memory of one of Flagler's fallen brothers," says Mike Cianciulli, Managing Editor Surflife.com, and Flagler brethren. "But by no means is the surfing level slouch. The event draws some of the East Coast's top pros, but also provides something for everyone—right down to the Tadpole division. Great vibe, top talent and an all around first class community event."

Saturday's competition begins at 7:30 am and includes live art, a raffle, and a silent auction. A food festival featuring the finest local restaurants will take place along the boardwalk from 1pm to 4pm. Tickets may be purchased the day of the event, or pre-purchased at the following businesses: The Flagler Fish Company (386-439-0000), Blue at Topaz (386-439-4322), or Z-Wave Surf Shop (386-439-9283). Following Saturday's surfing, a concert by Braddigan, Josh Garrels, and pro-surfer Jesse Hines will be held at 7:30 pm in Veteran's Park, downtown Flagler Beach at the corner of A1A and State Road 100.

Braddigan adds, "The Tommy Tant is so much more than waves, banners, and competition... it is truly a testimony of healing and restoration in a community that lost one of its heroes. Now it stands as a family style weekend of laughter, tears, surf, music, love, and hope in Tommy's honor and remembrance."

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