DENARD SPAN FOUNDATION

AN EVENING OF *Connection*

BECAUSE WE ARE **STRONGER** TOGETHER



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

6-7pm VIP | 7-10pm GALA

THE RIALTO THEATRE | TAMPA, FL

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CONNECTION IS THE FOUNDATION OF TRANSFORMATION

You are invited to join us at the Denard Span Foundation's 2026 Gala: An Evening of Connection. It is through meaningful connections that hope is restored, burdens are shared, and lives are changed. This year, the foundation is committed to building connections that strengthen single-parent families - connecting parents to resources, children to opportunities, families to communities, and every individual to a future filled with purpose and possibility.

We believe that no parent should walk alone. By fostering authentic relationships, creating supportive networks, and empowering families, we will cultivate a community where every family is seen, valued, and equipped to thrive. Together, we are creating connections that inspire resilience, build confidence, and transform generations.



STRONGER TOGETHER FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Vision

We envision a community where every single-parent family is connected to the support, resources, and opportunities they need to flourish. Through compassion, collaboration, and empowerment, we strive to create lasting pathways toward stability, hope, and generational success.

Mission

Our mission is to serve and empower single parent homes. We are dedicated to creating strong sustainable home environments where both parents and children can thrive physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually.

Why This Event Matters

Transportation is more than a ride - it's a connection. It connects a mother to employment and connects her child to school, sports, and enrichment activities. By attending our Evening of Connection, you're fueling someone's future.

All proceeds from the gala will directly support the Denard Span Foundation's mission to assist single-parent families via the DSF Transportation Program. Our goal is to amplify our positive impact in the Tampa Bay community and provide essential support to those who need it most.





ABOUT THE EVENING OF CONNECTION

When you join us for An Evening of Connection, you become a link in the chain that builds a community where no one has to face life's challenges alone. Connection means more than bringing people together. It means listening with compassion, walking alongside families through difficult seasons, and building a community where every parent knows they belong. It means connecting families with educational resources, employment opportunities, financial tools, childcare support, and one another. It also means connecting generous donors, volunteers, and community partners to a mission that changes lives.

Held at the historic Rialto Theatre, this annual dinner gala gathers Tampa Bay's business leaders, philanthropists, and change makers for a night that replaces obstacles with opportunities and uncertainty with hope. Through powerful storytelling, live entertainment, and intentional giving, An Evening of Connection supports our transportation initiative, providing single mothers with the reliable vehicles, repairs, and resources they need to move forward.

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS:

- VIP Reception with Denard & Anne Span
- Gourmet Multi Course Seated Dinner + Hosted Bar & Signature Cocktails + Mocktails
- Exclusive "Meet The Spans Panel" - Featuring Denard & Anne Span
- Live Music
- Silent & Live Auctions to Support our Mission
- Experiential Raffle
- Elegant Photo Opportunities
- Special Gift

EVENT GOAL:

$25,000 (Car Down Payment) + 5 Single Parent Families (1+ Family/Quarter) = $125,000 Annual Fundraising Goal

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM SPONSOR — $15,000

- Private invitation to the next DSF Car Ceremony Presentation with Denard Span and single parent honoree
- Recognition at the event as Platinum Gala Sponsor
- 20 VIP Gala Tickets (2 Tables of 10) with Premium Reserved Table Seating
- Exclusive Champagne Service
- VIP Meet & Greet with Denard & Anne Span
- Step & Repeat Photo with the Spans
- Logo on Step & Repeat
- Logo on the Media Screens
- Logo on DSF Website
- Recognition in Press Release to local Media
- Logo and Company Feature on DSF Social Media
- Gift bag insert

GOLD SPONSOR — $10,000

- Recognition at the event as Gold Gala Sponsor
- 10 VIP Gala Tickets with Premium Reserved Table Seating
- Exclusive Champagne Service
- VIP Meet & Greet with Denard & Anne Span
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SILVER SPONSOR — $5,000

- Recognition at the event as Silver Gala Sponsor
- 6 VIP Gala Tickets with Reserved Table Seating
- Exclusive Champagne Service
- VIP Meet & Greet with Denard & Anne Span
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BRONZE SPONSOR — $2,500

- 4 Gala Tickets with Reserved Table Seating (No VIP Access)
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- Logo on DSF Social Media
- Gift bag insert

GALA TABLE — $2,500

- 10 Gala Tickets with Reserved Table Seating (No VIP Access)

VIP TICKET — $300

- 1 VIP Gala Ticket with Reserved Seating
- VIP Meet & Greet with Denard & Anne Span
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