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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: CAPE FEAR LITERACY COUNCIL PRESENTS ITS 31ST ANNUAL GALA – TAKE ME TO NEVERLAND**



## **You'll never want to grow up when you reach our Neverland!**

Cape Fear Literacy Council will host its 31<sup>st</sup> annual **Literacy Gala** on Saturday, March 5th at Events at Watermark starting at 6:30 PM. The Literacy Gala is based on a work of celebrated literature and this year's theme is inspired by the fictional home of J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan; ***Neverland***, the place where you never have to grow up!

Venture past the '*second star to the right*' with hosts Cape Fear Literacy Council and Ashley Furniture Homestore to a Neverland evening of fun and fantasy, as we raise funds to make literacy a reality for hundreds of adults this year. Cape Fear Literacy Council provides personalized instruction for adults who seek to improve their practical and academic skills. The organization offers two programs: Adult Literacy and English as a Second Language (ESL). The Literacy Council individualizes curriculum through one-on-one tutoring and small classes that are learner-centered and learner-paced. By providing targeted instruction, the Literacy Council is able to help learners achieve their goals in a nurturing educational environment. CFLC helps adults earn their citizenship, complete high school equivalency, read with their children or grandchildren, and achieve other personal and academic learning goals. Each year, CFLC touches the lives of about 500 adult learners.

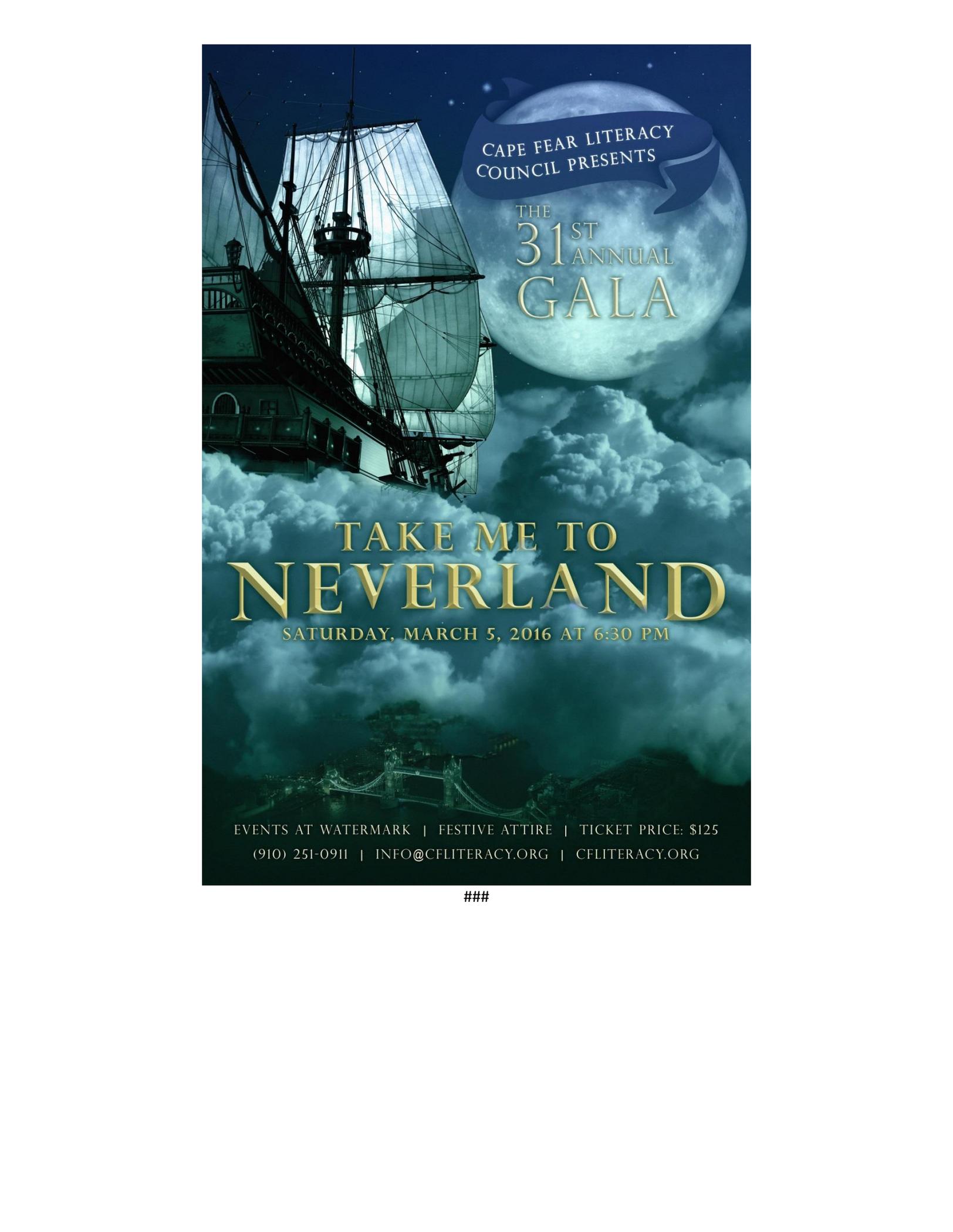
As the 2016 Gala Chair, Gina Andrews, enthusiastically affirms, "Cape Fear Literacy Council is designing this event to be "the party" of the year in Wilmington. This will be our largest Gala yet and there will truly be something for everyone to enjoy. Our galas are known for their literature-based themes and many guests enjoy coming in costume based on the selected work of fiction. The Gala is our largest fundraiser of the year, and allows us to do so much for the local community. The donations and sponsorships that are contributed on this one night affect our students, their families, and our community as a whole by helping to break the generational cycle of low literacy. Our guests get to have a blast, and change the world in doing so... what could be better than that?"

The Literacy Gala is one of the most highly-anticipated and often sold out fundraising events in the Cape Fear Area and guests are invited to attend the Gala as their favorite Neverland character or don cocktail party attire. Highlights include:

- **Live music by *Jack Jack 180*, one of the most popular party bands on the East Coast**
- **Creative cuisine by C.M. Rogers from Middle of the Island, who will provide a variety of delicacies inspired by Neverland**
- **Vocal auction by Alan Perry, including exciting get-aways, unique treasures, and fantastic packages inspired by the adventures of Peter Pan**
- **An extensive silent auction, including spa treatments, golf outings, art, and many other wonderful gifts and services from businesses in our community**
- **Plentiful beer, wine, and signature cocktails**

All-inclusive tickets are **\$125** each. And new for 2016, guests can make their trip to Neverland even more enticing and decadent – for a \$25 ticket upgrade they can enjoy being a Lost Boy VIP in our Gala Private Lounge complete with\* UNC-Duke basketball game on several big-screen televisions, cigar sampling bar, private bar with signature cocktails and private corn hole courts.

**[Tickets and sponsorship information is available by clicking here](#)** or by visiting **[www.cfliteracy.org](http://www.cfliteracy.org)**. Any additional questions about the Gala can be answered by contacting the Erin Payne at **[epayne@cfliteracy.org](mailto:epayne@cfliteracy.org)** or 910-251-0911.



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