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**Interview & Photo Opportunity**

**'Spring Bling' Event for Patients of Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida**

**What:** Spring Bling 2019 - Under the Sea, an invitation-only celebration for Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida patients and their families.

**Why:** It's become a popular trend within the last few years for children's hospitals to put on a "prom" for their patients, sometimes certain diagnoses only and sometimes all patients. It's a night when they can get dressed up, dance and play games with other kids who understand what it's like to be a child in the hospital. But also a night when they get to focus on just being a kid!

At Golisano Children's Hospital, we put on Spring Bling, which is our version of a prom, right here in our own building. We change the theme and decorations each year so children can choose to pick out special costumes or outfits, or just wear what they feel most comfortable in. Children of different diagnoses and ages are invited to attend with their parents and siblings because it's not just the patient affected by a hospital stay, the whole family is affected as well. The event includes a multitude of fun activities including dinner and dancing, crafts, games, and a photo booth just to name a few. This event is free of charge to our patients and families, an opportunity for one worry-free night where the entire family gets to have fun together, no separation. It truly is a night where our patients can relish in just being a kid, not a hospital patient or a diagnosis.

**When:** **Saturday, March 23**  
**5:30 -8:30 p.m.**

**Where:** Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida  
9981 South HealthPark Drive

**Who:** Presented for patients by Golisano Children's Hospital and volunteers from FGCU and Target, Progressive Insurance and the United Way/Kiwanis Club among others.

**About Golisano Children's Hospital**

*Established in 1994, Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida has been named a "Top Hospital" by The Leapfrog Group for the past two years. It is the only recognized children's hospital between Tampa and Miami. Lee Health opened the new 128-bed Golisano Children's Hospital in May 2017, relocating the children's hospital from the adjacent HealthPark Medical Center. It includes comprehensive pediatric services including a 24-hour pediatric emergency department, hematology-oncology unit, milk lab, Regional Perinatal Intensive Care Center, and Level II and Level III NICU with 64 private rooms. Golisano Children's Hospital is proud to have been named Soliant's 2018 Most Beautiful Hospital in the U.S., a recognition determined by popular vote For more information, visit [GolisanoChildrensSWFL.org](http://GolisanoChildrensSWFL.org)*