



Wine Donated to Children's Beach House

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**Amateur Wine Maker and Local Artist Collaborate and Create Frankly
Merlicious:
Proceeds to Benefit Children's Beach House**

November 08, 2010 ~ Lewes, Delaware: During the week, Bruce Gillespie is a Disaster Recovery Planner for the Computer Sciences Corporation but during the weekends Gillespie is an Amateur Winemaker working to create yet another great bottle of wine. He started making wine in 2007 after reading a copy of Winemaker Magazine. Gillespie stated, "I thought I would give it a try, I didn't really have a hobby at the time and I thought it would be fun." Since that very day in 2007, he has won two gold medals and one silver medal for his creations in an International Amateur Winemaking Competition sponsored by the same magazine that gave him the inspiration to start this new hobby!

One of Gillespie's latest works is a Cabernet Franc-Merlot entitled *Frankly Merlicious*. When discussing this new wine with local pastel artist and friend, Nick Serratore, the idea to collaborate was formed. Nick volunteered his artistic talent to create the label for *Frankly Merlicious*, the very touch needed to top off this delicious bottle of red!

There are a total of 30 bottles of *Frankly Merlicious* that have been produced. Of the 30 bottles, Gillespie decided to donate 20 of the bottles to the Children's Beach House Art Show and Sale. Each of these bottles will be sold at \$35 with all proceeds being donated to the organization. "My wife, Sharon, has volunteered at Children's Beach House for five years and is amazed at the wonderful work that they do with the children," stated Gillespie. "I thought this would be a great opportunity for people to enjoy my wine while raising money for a great cause at the same time!"

If you are interested in reserving a bottle of *Frankly Merlicious*, please contact Amanda Ryan at Children's Beach House at 302-645-9184. The bottles will be sold on a first come first serve basis and can be purchased throughout the weekend of the Holiday Art Show scheduled for Friday, December 3rd through Sunday, December 5th.

*For additional information on Children's Beach House or the Frankly Merlicious Wine, contact Amanda Ryan, Director of
Development at CBH, at 302.645.9184 (Attached Photo of Frankly Merlicious)*
