

Music, Memory and Mission

The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital sponsored a one-night-only production of "The Eyes of the World-From D-Day to VE-Day" on Sept. 30 at Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts' Moran Theater.

The in-depth musical and visual retrospective of World War II was written and presented by historian John Monsky, a Bolles graduate and native of Jacksonville. Additional presenters included the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and four Broadway performers who portrayed historical icons Ernest Hemingway, Lee Miller, Frank Capra and J.D. Salinger.

More than 2,000 guests attended the production, which raised funds for a new, therapeutic outdoor space for patients in Wolfson's Behavioral Health and Wellness Unit.

"[Eyes of the World] reminded us of the huge sacrifices made for our nation's freedom," said Karen Wolfson of The Women's Board. "Courage, resilience and hope characterize the patients and their families at Wolfson Children's Hospital, and those are the same adjectives that memorialize the bravery of our WWII veterans."