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When luxury event planner Liza Chung came up with the idea of using beautiful butterflies to represent the life-affirming transformation that occurs when a woman survives breast cancer, Robin Wahby of Ponte Vedra knew exactly who to call to design those butterflies. As co-chair with Tabitha Furyk of the fourth Annual Pink Ribbon Golf Classic, Wahby contacted Ponte Vedra artist Susanne Schuenke, whose painting "Give Me Wings" of seven-foot tall butterflies alighted on one long wall of the Davis Building at Mayo Clinic several years ago. Given the opportunity to design butterflies to honor, support and memorialize woman with breast cancer, with all proceeds going to fund breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville and Baptist Medical Center, Schuenke designed colorful butterflies and then gave them a place to land when she created a whimsical Tree of Life mural in lovely shades of pink, green and beige with roots of love, hope, courage, community and family.

The Tree of Life mural was unveiled Wednesday at the 4th Annual Pink Ribbon golf classic cocktail party, which was held at the Marsh Landing home of Nancy and Rich Morrison of Benchmark Custom Luxury Homes.

Butterflies were purchased for \$20, the name of the honoree affixed on two butterflies -- one to be placed on the Tree of Life and the other to be kept and shared by the donor. By the end of the evening, more than 100 beautiful butterflies had landed on the Tree of Life.

"This will become a tradition," said Wahby, as she thanked Schuenke for the gift of time and talent.

And, speaking of talent, Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Rashean Mathis was on hand to provide support for the classic, as well as to accept congratulations for last weekend's win against the Colts. With him was Ebony Mathis, his beautiful bride of four months.

Again, congratulations are in order -- for the newlyweds, for the Jacksonville Jaguars, and for the smart committee that put together a beautiful and profitable event to kick off the fourth Annual Pink Ribbon Golf Classic.