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Royal Caribbean's "Taste of Liberty" Raises Support for Child Sexual Abuse Victims

Friends and supporters of Kristi House enjoyed an exclusive day on the deck of Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas, Saturday, September 13, 2008, while raising essential funds for sexually abused children.

Guests were treated to a sampling of great entertainment and the ship's finest libations and hors d'oeuvres with a cocktail reception, ice skating show and scrumptious luncheon. Royal Caribbean also donated a 7-Night Caribbean Cruise for raffle and completely underwrote the entire day so that 100% of the proceeds raised — \$20,000 total — will go toward services for child sexual abuse victims.

The event was chaired by Kristi House Board members Sarah J. Washburn, of Wilson, Washburn & Forster Insurance; Kate Inman of Opko Pharmaceuticals; and Juan Trescastro, of Royal Caribbean International. Table sponsors included Eddy Arriola, Frederick Bredemeyer II, Lindy Colson, Kate Inman, Bobbie Jones-Wilfork, Lauren's Kids, Inc., Edie Murphy, Margaret Nee, Carol Novak, Jeanette Nunez, Parkeon, Gail Scott and Sarah Washburn.

Event hosts include Nelson David Diaz of Becker & Poliakoff, Bobbie Jones-Wilfork of Miami-Dade Aviation Department, Edie Murphy of Wachovia Trust and Jeanette Nunez of Jackson Health Systems.

Kristi House serves as Miami-Dade County's Children's Advocacy Center, responsible for coordination of all child sexual abuse cases in the county. Kristi House is centrally located on the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital campus at 1265 NW 12th Avenue. Founded in 1996, Kristi House has served more than 6,000 victims of child sexual abuse and their families. Thousands more are reached every year with education and prevention outreach programs. Services include case coordination, therapy, referral, transportation, assessments, advocacy and emergency assistance. For more information visit www.kristihouse.org.

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