

KRISTI



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KRISTI HOUSE AND AVALON CAFE RAISE \$18,000 FOR SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN

More than 200 friends of Kristi House raised \$18,000 for sexually abused children on March 13 over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Avalon Café in Coconut Grove. Funds generated from the Heal a Heart Happy Hour will go toward client emergency needs and therapy, which is critical for children overcoming the trauma of sexual abuse.

Avalon Café was the major underwriter of the event, supplying their lovely new venue, service, bar and hors d'oeuvres for the event. Select Vodka and Argenvine supplied specialty libations, DJ Marc Leventhal spun the tunes and BP Media provided marketing support. Underwriters included Dr. Ary Krau, Michele D. Morales, Cinergy Health, West Broward Church of God, Florida House Representative Juan C. Zapata, Luuxury, and Oscar Levin of Greenberg Traurig, P.A.

Kristi House's mission is to provide a healing environment for sexually abused children and their families at no cost. Kristi House services include case coordination, therapy, transportation, advocacy, prevention education and emergency assistance. The organization receives less than half of its program budget from public sources; the remainder is raised through the private sector to provide critical services that public funds do not fully cover.

Special thanks also goes to raffle donors for the event who supplied exciting gifts for the evening: The Catalina Hotel & Beach Club; Carpaccio, Bal Harbour Shops; Dr. Ary Krau; Bal Harbour Plastic Surgery Associates; Kung Fu Kitchen & Sushi; El Tropicano Cuban Cuisine; Fisher's Seafood; Edward James of Aveda Concept Salon

and Tricia LeClair

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 6,700 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, advocacy, prevention education and emergency assistance. Two satellite offices in north and south Miami-Dade serve clients in surrounding neighborhoods. For more information visit www.kristihouse.org.

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