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Fresh Market Hosts Wine Tasting Gala to Benefit Kristi House

Two hundred friends of Kristi House raised funds for child sexual abuse victims May 21 at a Fine Wine Tasting Gala at The Fresh Market Coconut Grove store.

Entirely underwritten by The Fresh Market with fine wines from Southern Wines and Spirits, samplings were offered throughout the store in 10 stations each featuring an array of wine choices paired with gourmet hors d'oeuvres. Nearly \$5,000 was raised in ticket sales and donations, 100% of which was donated by The Fresh Market to Kristi House.

"This event brought many new friends to Kristi House and attention to the difficult but epidemic problem of child sexual abuse," Kristi House Executive Director Trudy Novicki said. "The Fresh Market offered a unique, lovely and relaxed venue and was exceptionally generous to our guests...no one wanted to leave when the party was over!"

State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle and Miami Commissioner Mark Sarnoff were in attendance. Kristi House President Fred Bredemeyer, Past President Margaret Nee and board members Bonita Whytehead, Chuck Vodicka, Jeanette Nunez and Lindy Colson were in attendance along with and Kristi House donors, friends and staff.

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 management, therapy, referral, transportation, advocacy and emergency assistance. For more information visit www.kristihouse.org.

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