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Kristi House Touch A Heart Dinner Raises \$300,000 for Sexually Abused Children

The 9th Annual Kristi House Touch a Heart Dinner & Auction was a sold-out success netting \$300,000 on November 7th at Miami's Four Seasons Hotel. Outstanding sponsors, 300 guests and an auction of exquisite wines, luxury gifts and exclusive getaways made this a spectacular fundraising evening in support of children who have been victimized by sexual abuse.

"We were overjoyed to see Kristi House supporters and friends there who recognize that child sexual abuse happens every day, every hour," said Executive Director Trudy Novicki. "Our generous supporters were there for the children, despite difficult economic times."

Hundreds of votive candles, white roses and hydrangeas -- donated by Fresh Market and Sunburst Farms and arranged by Layne Tidwell -- greeted guests with an ambiance of sparkling, understated elegance perfect for the five-course gourmet meal and wine pairings. Republic National Distributing Company and Ravenswood Vineyard were the Dinner's Wine Sponsors. Mike Bittel of Sunset Fine Wine & Spirits served as the event's wine expert, and American Airlines provided major sponsorship support, supplying First Class air travel to exotic getaways and exclusive, private vacation spots.

Diane and Allen de Olazarra and the de Olazarra Family Foundation, Eliza and Hugh Culverhouse, and Swanee and Paul DiMare were the Honorary Chairs for the event. Trish & Dan Bell were Gold Heart Sponsors. Major corporate sponsors included

American Airlines; Royal Caribbean International; BNY Mellon Wealth Management; Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.; Explora; Northern Trust; Shook, Hardy & Bacon; Timothy Haahs & Associates; Miami Parking Authority; White & Case; Worldwide Holidays, Inc.; and Galapagos.

Silver Heart sponsors included Emma & Sia Afra, Katie & Eddy Arriola, Bunny Bastian, Julia & David Bianchi, Berta & Jim Blecke, Sudie & Frederick Bredemeyer, II, Debbie & Gary Burman, Lindy Colson, Consolidated Parking, The de Moya Group, Inc., Jodi & Bob Dickinson, Janet & Jimmy Ellison, Rachelle Fortner & Armando J. Demoya, Lynn & Brian Hart, Commissioner Sally Heyman, Barbara & Walter Hinterkopf, [Leon Medical Centers](#), Lourdes Leon, Judy & George McCleary, Carol & Al Novak; Alison & Darryl Robinson, Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., Susan & Chuck Vodicka, and Judy & Jon Zeder

Kristi House is located on the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital campus at 1265 NW 12 Ave. Its south facility is located on U.S. 1 and 152nd and its north facility is located at 18441 NW and 2nd Avenue. Founded in 1996, Kristi House has served more than 7,000 victims of child sexual abuse and their families. Thousands more are reached every year with education and prevention outreach programs. Services include case coordination/case management, therapy, comprehensive assessments, transportation, advocacy and emergency assistance. Visit www.kristihouse.org for more details.

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