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FANTASTIC TURNOUT FOR A GREAT CAUSE

August 18, 2006 (Miami) Kristi House hosted its Heal a Heart Happy Hour at The Sports Club/LA in the Four Seasons Hotel Friday with music, drinks and dancing. The more than 300 guests enjoyed wine and passed hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and great music to raise money and awareness about Kristi House, a nonprofit organization helping victims of child sexual abuse and their families.

Escopazzo Express donated the food for the evening and Old Bridge, Inc. donated fine Italian wines. Raffle prizes included tickets to Actor's Playhouse, dinner at Tarpon Bend, Sylvano's and Rosinella, as well as a certificate to the spa at the gym.

The crowd included guests such as Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, Kristi House board members, The Sports Club/LA members, and many residents of the Brickell community.

As a result of donations by individual attendees and underwriting sponsors, more than \$20,000 was raised for Kristi House's family emergency fund that provides emergency money to families in crisis. Often utilities, food, clothing and rent are at risk when a family is traumatized by child sexual abuse and the upheaval it brings.

Kristi House sends a special thanks to Pino Bodoni of Escopazzo Express, Marco Uprei of Old Bridge, Inc., The Sports Club/LA General Manager Susan Devine and the rest of the staff at the club, and DJ Mark Leventhal for their contributions which made the Heal a Heart Happy Hour such a success.

Kristi House's signature fundraiser, the 7th Annual Touch A Heart Dinner takes place Friday November 10, 2006 at the Four Seasons Hotel. This limited capacity, elegant evening pairs fine wines with a five-course gourmet meal, and features entertainment and an auction of rare wines and exotic trips.

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 5,200 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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