

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES GALA "OH WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS"



Gala Co-Chairmen: Roberto Lizama, Veronica Lizama, Danny Cifuentes, Paola Sanchez-Torres, Josh Kaufman, Noemi Kaufman, Marta Colomar, President Mike Diaz, Mariam Bazzi, Stephen Armaly, Nikki Brandt, Nelson Brandt, Courtney DeKanter, Seth DeKanter, Erika Berger, Nick Studds, Mitch Vento

"Oh What A Night" A Music & Dance Sensation Gala was a huge hit taking us back to the 70's, 80's and 90's! The Four Seasons hotel was a perfect setting for our evening with a sold out crowd to benefit children with special needs who attend the school.

Chairman of the Board Dan Tasciotti welcomed and recognized special guests, founders, supporters, foundations and friends for their unwavering support which has made Children's Resources (CRF) a model program for children with developmental disabilities. The Kiwanis Club of Miami, Woman's Relief Association, Peacock Foundation and The Hermanowski Family Foundation were also recognized for their advocacy and belief in our mission.

Mike Diaz was honored for his second successful year as President. He was thanked for his strong leadership and his commitment to bring a new generation of supporters to CRF. With a champagne toast, he brought forward the Gala Co-Chairmen and applauded them for their hard work and orchestrating an over the top evening full of excitement and entertainment to raise necessary funds for CRF.

Founder and CEO Peggy Armaly praised Gala Grand Honorees Lynn Girsh and Susan & Les Eisenberg for their philanthropy, unwavering commitment to the center and outstanding contributions to improve the lives of the children that attend the school.

Peggy honored Corporate Grand Sponsors Florida Blue represented by Martha de la Pena Rojas Regional Corporate Social Responsibility Manager; Carmax represented by Lazaro Rodriguez General Manager and Buffalo Wild Wings represented by owners Courtney & Seth DeKanter for their monumental support of our program.

The most memorable part of the evening was an emotional message from our 2019 graduating class of CRFis Girsh Academy. Each student reflected on their time spent at CRF and all the goals they accomplished. There was not a dry eye in the room. Executive Director Gigi Del Valle spoke about how much the school has helped the graduating students and the work ahead for those to come.

Guests were treated to high energy performances from the volunteer singers and dancers of Montclair State University. Attendees enjoyed the sounds of the Danny Beck Orchestra while dancing the night away. The celebration continued well into the night with an after party where everyone reminisced about the amazing event with flowing champagne and late-night bites. It was a memorable time for everyone!

Children's Resources is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides educational and therapeutic programs and services for children ages eighteen months to fifth grade with developmental delays. www.crfcenter.org



Gala Grand Honoree Lynn Girsh,
Diamond Founder



Gala Grand Honorees Susan &
Les Eisenberg, Diamond Founders



Carmax GM Lazaro Rodriguez with
CEO Peggy Armaly



President Mike Diaz thanking everyone
for an amazing year



Buffalo Wild Wings Owners Seth & Courtney DeKanter, Peggy Armaly and
CRF's School Psychologist Dr. Erika Berger



Florida Blues' Martha de la Pena Rojas
with Peggy Armaly



Ali Diaz, Mike Diaz and Danielle Diaz



Founder & Past President Jane Tasciotti
and Chairman of the Board Dan Tasciotti



Grand Founder & Past President
Betty Brandt with Walter Miller