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Breakthrough Miami hosts second annual Support-A-Scholar Celebration

The art popped, the libations flowed and the entertainment struck a chord as South Florida's movers and shakers continued to "change lives and create leaders" at Breakthrough Miami's second annual Support-A-Scholar Celebration. Breakthrough Miami is an eight-year, tuition-free academic enrichment program that provides motivated middle-school students from underserved communities with the tools they need to reach their goals in this world. This award-winning program serves 1,000 talented students who participate in enrichment activities on five independent school sites: Ransom Everglades, Miami Country Day School, Carrolton School of the Sacred Heart, Palmer Trinity School and University of Miami.

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Benefactors from the schools turned out in full force for an evening under the stars at the popular hot spot Wynwood Walls to indulge in fine fare and drinks galore provided by Wynwood Kitchen and Bar, Sushi Maki and Bacardi. The live entertainment reigned supreme when Judge Marilyn Milian introduced



Kim Smith, Ransom Everglades Head of School Penny Townsend and Kevin Smith at Breakthrough Miami's Support-A-Scholar Celebration at Wynwood Walls.

three impactful performances by Breakthrough Miami Scholars and Teaching fellows. Through song and emotion, the more than 500 patrons couldn't help but be touched by the presentations. I would be remiss if I did not mention the out-of-this-world art exhibition including the masterpieces created by Breakthrough Scholars and artists Brandon Opalka, Santiago Rubino, Ryan the Wheelbarrow and Marcie Ziv. Art fans bid away on the collaborative art. Art collectors Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz donated an art piece from their private collection for the auction as well.

Generous philanthropist who funded an annual scholarship strolled around the event with glowing neon necklaces,

which definitely prompted others to join in and take action. Supporters, the organization's board members and attendees including Julianne and Derek McDowell, Jennifer and Matt Buttrick, Matt and Cornelia Nixdorf, Kristin Munroe, Kristin Dolan, Dougan and Martha Clarke Blair Sonville, Laura Payne, Allison Langer, Galia Pennekamp, Marilyn Milian, Kim and Tom Wood, HEAT coach Erik Spoelstra and Nikki Sapp, Erik and Ethel Fresen, Jessica Goldman Srebnick and Scott Srebnick, Jeff Miller and Melissa Krinzman, Judge Marilyn Milian and John Schlesinger, Andy and Tanya Ansin, Ben and Eilah Beavers, Laura and Dan Koffsky, Jay and Perri Pollak, Dan and Tina Carlo, Jeff and Charlotte Hicks, John and Kendra Malloy, Chad and Brooke Perlyn, Mario and Lourdes de Armas, Niko and Shelly Dimitrijevic, Steve and Colleen Schiff, Kevin and Kim Smith, Gary and Peggy Butts, Dougan and Roxanne Davies, Penny and Mike Townsend, Meg and Nick Valls, Kobi and Nancy Karp, Raphael Bastian and James Boink, Louis and Ofie Chivacci, Chris and Kathleen Cobb, Jimmy and Ashley Cusack, Flip and Leigh Gassman, Elissa Vanaver, Sara Herald and numerous others truly have made a difference in the lives of so many young, inspired students. Congrats on a super successful affair.

KUDOS

The National Football League (NFL), the Hispanic Heritage Founda-



Rick and Monica Shatz, Eric and Jocelyn Woolworth, and Steve and Colleen Schiff celebrated at Breakthrough Miami's Support-A-Scholar Celebration.



Jorge A. Plasencia, cofounder, chairman and CEO of Republica, with Claudia Lezcano, SVP and CMO of the Miami Dolphins, as he received the 2014 NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award at Sun Life Stadium.

tion (HHF) and the Miami Dolphins awarded Jorge A. Plasencia, cofounder, chairman and CEO of Republica — a leading, independent, cross-cultural advertising, digital and communications agency — the prestigious 2014 NFL Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award. Plasencia was selected for his lifelong dedication to community, especially for having cofounded the charitable organization Amigos For Kids in 1991. The award was presented during a pre-game ceremony at the Kansas City Chiefs vs. Miami Dolphins game at Sun Life Stadium.

"I am humbled to receive this recognition from the NFL, Hispanic Heritage Foundation and the Miami Dolphins, which I dedicate to each and every child we have had the privilege to serve at Amigos For Kids these past 23 years," said Plasencia.

The NFL Hispanic Heri-

tage Leadership Awards recognize the contributions of Hispanic leaders.

ELLE DÉCOR CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

The Related Group and Terra Group hosted Elle Décor's latest book launch at their luxurious joint project, Park Grove, the last of the residential towers planned for Coconut Grove. The book, titled The Height of Style, follows the magazine's 25th anniversary and features more than 220 of the world's chicest rooms, many of which have Miami ties, including film director Michael Bay's Miami apartment; interiors by William Sofield and a handful of other designers with projects and private residences in the Miami/Palm Beach area.

Hundreds gathered at the sales gallery and received signed copies of the book, which were distrib-

uted with drinks and light bites by A Touch of Class.

ART PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN

Hospital celebrity ambassadors, world-renowned artist Romero Britto and Sports Illustrated supermodel Nina Agdal hosted a special joint party with the children of Miami Children's Hospital to create a work of art for its Together For The Children, The Campaign for Miami Children's Hospital. The campaign, which is on track to fundraise \$150 million by 2017, also counts on the support of superstar Armando "Pitbull" Perez as a celebrity ambassador. A select group of children had the opportunity to paint with Britto as he created an exclusive work of art.

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Supermodel Nina Agdal and famous artist Romero Britto at a children's paint party at Miami Children's Hospital.



Ashley Turchin, Lauren Gnazzo, Alina de la Vega MacLean, Tatiana Caraya and Alicia Halegua at INTERMIX Lincoln Road opening event.



Zurami Pascual, Ophir Sternberg, Sonia Jacobson, Allison Greenfield, Mari Secada and Ricardo Dunin at Dress for Success Miami 20th anniversary gala kickoff at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Miami Beach.

Alicia Cervera, David Polinsky, Bradley Carlson, Andrew Lenahan and Gingi Baltran at 250 Wynwood groundbreaking celebration.

