The Women's Committee of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami

> Sixth Annual Miracle Makers Luncheon Fashion Show

Some of Our Successful Matches Over the Past Year!

SIXTH ANNUAL MIRACLE MAKERS LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW

The Ritz Carlton, South Beach Wednesday, April 5, 2006

> WELCOME Emcee Tony Segreto NBC 6

FASHION SHOW THE BEST OF SPRING 2006 COLLECTION Saks Fifth Avenue, Dadeland

LUNCHEON SERVED

MIRACLE MAKERS PRESENTATION Electra Spillis, Event Chair

DESSERT SERVED

RAFFLE DRAWING

Thank you for joining us in celebration of our 2006 Miracle Makers!



MENU

SALAD

Mixed Greens with Shaved Feta Marinated Cucumber, Kalamata Olives Tomato Vinaigrette

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ENTRÉE Crisp Filet of Salmon with Artichoke Tapanade Basil Risotto Smoked Tomato Emulsion

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DESSERT Tiramisu Espresso Cream Chocolate Brittle

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Freshly Brewed Coffee Decaffeinated Coffee Assorted Teas

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Thank You!



The smiling faces you see in the match photos throughout this program are proof of our success over the past year.



Yolanda Berkowitz



Yolanda Berkowitz is personally committed to social welfare issues and dedicated to working with children in the dependency system. She has worked tirelessly as a child advo-

cate for the past eight years in the Guardian Ad Litem Program.

She recently became a Trustee of Voices for Children Foundation, Inc, as a board member and has focused on development and community projects.

Born in Cuba, Yolanda emigrated to America with her parents and brother in 1967 on one of the last Freedom Flights to Miami. Raised in Chicago, she has lived and worked in Vancouver, British Columbia, Hong Kong, Telluride, Colorado and Miami.

After attending Miami-Dade Community College, Yolanda received her Florida real estate salesman's license and has worked throughout Miami-Dade County in the sale and leasing of residential properties.

Accepting a position with a Hong Kong based company, Yolanda moved overseas in 1988, returning to the United States in 1990, when the company opened offices in Florida.

Yolanda currently resides in Miami with her husband Jeff and stepson, Michael.

Berta Blecke

Berta Blecke is one of Miami-Dade County's premier child advocates. For more than twenty years, she has worked for the rights of Florida's at-risk children, helping to create



programs that ensure their safety and provide them with love, shelter and hope for a better life.

Berta treats her volunteerism as a job, giving more than 40 hours a week in pursuit of better conditions and opportunities for children.

As a Junior League volunteer in the 1970's, she helped established a community oversight board at the Juvenile Detention Center in 1979. She went on to help establish the State of Florida Court System's Guardian Ad Litem Program in 1980 and later was a key activist in securing the program's statewide funding. Today in the local judicial circuit court, Guardian Ad Litem employs a staff of 22 who support a volunteer network of 400 lay leaders and 200 pro bono attorneys.

Berta has also been an instrumental catalyst for the Children Have All Rights, Legal, Educational and Emotional Program (CHARLEE) established in 1983.

Through Berta's efforts and those she has served with, the CHARLEE program has offered a safe home, educational support and mental health services to more than 3,000 children in state foster care.

Mary Louise Cole



Dr. Mary Louise Cole has been instrumental in developing programs that have helped thousands of abused and neglected children and babies, disadvantaged mothers, troubled

teens, the poor and the elderly.

For more than 30 years, she has inspired an equal number of volunteers, serving on the boards of dozens of community organizations, schools and task forces and is a recognized leader in social service throughout South Florida.

Her teaching career has taken her from the first grade classroom to a professorship at the University of Miami where she also held numerous administrative positions.

In 1981, Dr. Cole became Executive Director of The Children's Home Society (CHS), developing it into South Florida's leading agency for the care and rehabilitation of abused and unwanted children.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew in 1992, she served as Executive Director of The Interfaith Coalition for the Andrew Recovery Effort (ICARE), a coalition of the religious institutions in the community.

In 1995, Dr. Cole's vision of establishing a boarding school for troubled teenage boys became a reality through the generosity of the George W. and Ethel Kennedy Family Foundation. She founded the highly successful Bay Point Schools, Inc.

Dr. Cole is married to Robert Wood and has three adult children.

Douglas M. Aalsey

Doug Halsey has been an advocate for Florida's foster children for over 20 years. In the 1980's, he began providing pro bono legal services to the Children's Home Society and



later began a project with the Dade County Bar Association training other lawyers to help reduce the backlog of children in foster care. Working with the United Way and community leaders he helped establish Foster Care Review, Inc. and with Legal Services of Greater Miami, filed suit against the State of Florida on behalf of emotionally disturbed children in foster care.

Through the years, Doug has served as a key member of the Children's Home Society at the local, regional and state levels. He is a founding director, and past chairman of Foster Care Review, Inc. and a board member of Our Kids, Inc. In 2004, Doug and his wife Amy became major donors to Florida's Children First, a leading child advocacy organization.

His honors include the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award, the Children's Home Society's R. David Thomas Child Advocate of the Year Award and 2001 Man of Valor of the Children's Home Society Council, first recipent of Foster Care Review's Douglas M. Halsey Volunteer Service Award, , and 2002 Citizen of the Year of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Beta Tau Zeta Chapter.

Nancy Aector



Board member and treasurer of CHARLEE Homes for Children, Nancy has been instrumental in establishing α foster teen pregnancy home and adolescent an boy's emergency

crisis shelter. Her financial expertise has resulted in the acquisition and renovation of houses to be utilized as group homes.

She also serves on the board of the Community Partnership for the Homeless, and is an active volunteer and advocate for His House Children's Home, a residential facility for neglected, abandoned and abused children.

A major underwriter for the Red Cross "Swim for Life" program, Nancy was instrumental in bringing to Miami the second "I Have a Dream Foundation," a national organization for the mentoring and education of inner-city children. She is a founder of the Miami Chapter of Gift for Adoption, a national organization helping families with financial needs to adopt a child.

Nancy's numerous awards include the Deloitte & Touche Entrepreneurial Award, 2004 CHARLEE Volunteer of the Year, 2005 His House Volunteer of the Year, and will be a 2006 honoree of the Junior League of Miami's "Women Who Make a Difference."

Proud parents of three children, Nancy and her husband Robert recently established the Hector Family Foundation, dedicated to serving the needs of underprivileged children in South Florida.

Leslie Lovell

Leslie Lovell's activism on behalf of children's issues has been a life-long interest.

Born in Seattle, Washington, she moved to Miami during her high school years, and soon



became interested in providing volunteer service to help others.

Shortly after the birth of her third daughter, Leslie was introduced to Children's Home Society's auxiliary, Society for Abused Children (SAC).

She quickly took on leadership roles and served as secretary and later as president of the Children's Home Society Council (formerly SAC).

She continues to actively serve as a CHS board member and was recently the co-chair of the 2006 Pink and Blue Gala. In 2001, She was named CHS Woman of Valor.

Membership in the CHS Legislative Committee has inspired her become an advocate on behalf of legal issues concerning children and families. Her involvement with the legislature has lead her to the Florida Children's Campaign, a grass-roots political advocacy group, for which she served as a Miami liason for one year. She has also worked as a fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Children's Camp.

Leslie has been married to her husband Warren Lovell for 36 years, and together they are the proud parents of three daughters and three grandchildren.

Marlen Pernetti



Marlen Pernetti has been a tireless advocate of children since her early teens, working as a volunteer swimming instructor for the American Red Cross, and later helping children

with learning disabilities.

In her adult life, Marlen has dedicated herself to leadership roles within numerous organizations benefitting children in South Florida. She has served on committees for the Hugs and Kisses Foundation of Miami Children's Hospital, and as Gala Chair for the Miami Children's Museum.

Marlen has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Guardian Angels of the Jackson Memorial Foundation for the Holtz Children's Hospital and also is a Director and Trustee for Viscaya Foundation, where she will chair their Annual Ball for the third consecutive year. Marlen is also a member of the University of Miami's Loews Art Museum and Beaux Art Organization.

She received the American Cancer Society's 2001 Dynamic Women of the Year Award, and the 2004 Miami Project Award, and was named the Miami Project's Women of Substance and Style.

An active fundraiser for Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, Marlen is a Miami Beach native devoted to husband Nino Pernetti, proprietor of Caffe Abbracci, and their two young daughters. Sissy Ruffe

Sissy Ruffe's volunteer work has taken a major role in her life in recent years. In addition to raising a son and running a large company which she founded with her husband Ste-



ven, Sissy has served as a volunteer with numerous community organizations including the Guardian Ad Litem Program and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She has served as a trustee of the Vizcayan Foundation and a board member of the Gables Estates Club.

As part owner and Vice President of Ruffe Systems, Inc., a medical billing company, Sissy oversees forty hospital-based physician groups and over fifty employees. She singlehandedly grew the company into one of the largest of its kind in Florida, with accounts stretching from Pensacola to Key West.

As a Big Sister to "little" Charmain for the past ten years, Sissy is deeply committed to her work with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Aside from the guidance she has helped give to her "little", she has sponsored the Big Brothers Big Sisters Golf Tournament for many years, and continues to support the agency's goal of serving the many deserving children in our community.

Sissy moved to Coral Gables at the age of three with her family. She graduated from Coral Gables High, and attended Massey Institute of Design in Atlanta, Georgia.





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2004





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Ann Machado

> Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin





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> Suzie M. Sayfie







PREVIOUS MIRACLE MAKERS



2002



Norma Jean Abraham



Victoria Cummock-Pimental



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Norma Quintero



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Marisa Toccin



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2001

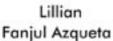




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WHO WORK SO HARD

TO MAKE THIS EVENT

SUCCESSFUL EVERY YEAR

BEST REGARDS, AMY HALSY

Congratulations to my beautiful wife Yolanda Berkowitz on being named a Miracle Maker Her capacity to help others is boundless! She has a heart of gold and I am very proud of her. Bove. Jeff

The Ritchey Family Foundation

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to all of the 2006 Honorees!

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Yolanda Berkowitz

You are a true Miracle Maker for many children in our community!

Alvaro & Ana Varela

Congratulations, Yolanda Berkowitz!

Thank you for all you do for the least, the last and the lost.



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Marlen Pernetti



You are a true Miracle Maker and a Great Friend

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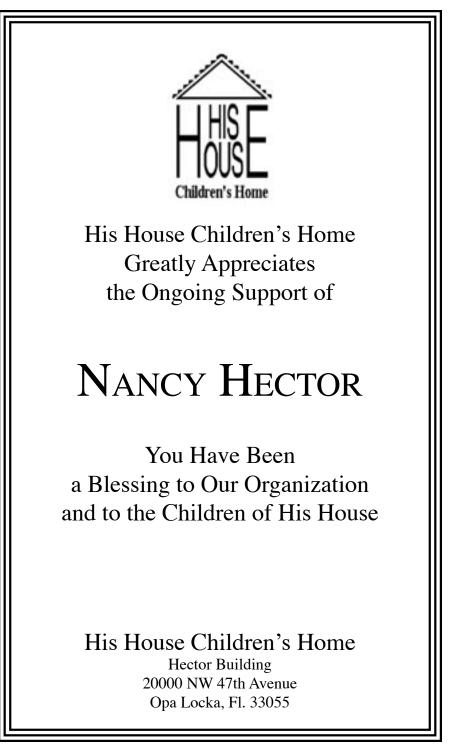
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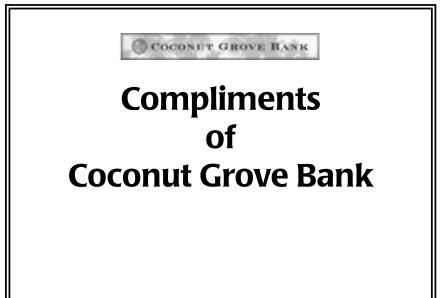
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