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Inaugural Wine, Women & Shoes Raises Nearly a Quarter of a Million Dollars for Miami Children's Hospital Foundation



Miami Children's Hospital patient and Honorary "Shoe Guy" Joseph Reyes (center left) presents thank you frames created by him and other patients to Wine, Women & Shoes Honorary Chair and CBS 4 Anchor Shannon Hori and Co-chairs Carola Pimentel and Criselda Breene

More than 400 ladies slipped into their stilettos and joined together at the Inaugural Wine, Women & Shoes for a day of shopping and fun with the common purpose of supporting world-class pediatric healthcare.

BFFs, colleagues, daughters, mothers and grandmothers from throughout South Florida gathered at Coral Gables Country Club on February 8 to raise nearly a quarter of a million dollars to benefit Miami Children's Hospital Foundation.

Honorary Chair and CBS 4 Anchor Shannon Hori served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

Attendees were treated to a never-before-seen trunk show featuring Christian Louboutin shoes and accessories. They also enjoyed a sophisticated day of wine tastings, a silent auction featuring lavish trips and experiences, a fashion marketplace and a fashion show presented by Neiman Marcus Coral Gables.

"This is a fun-filled day of shopping and camaraderie," said event Co-chairs Criselda Breene and Carola Pimentel. "At the same time we are here for a very serious cause because the women here today are able to make a major difference in the lives of so many children."

Guests had the opportunity to hear from Melba Reyes, who has two special needs children whose lives were both saved by the experts at Miami Children's Hospital.

"On behalf of my entire family, I want to thank all of you who have made my children and all children a priority in your lives by being here today," said Reyes. "If Miami Children's was not here, I wouldn't have my two miracles and I am eternally grateful for your support."

The luncheon was also highlighted by "Shoe Guys" representing area organizations like – the City of Miami Fire Department, United States Marines and Miami Children's Young Ambassadors – who showed off the latest ladies fashions on a silver platter, literally.

Two fashionistas were awarded with Neiman Marcus gift certificates for winning a shoe contest. Aimee Cogan won "Best Stiletto" and Alison Kunkel came home with the prize for "Best All-Around" shoes. Shoe judges included designer Lisa Pliner; Ocean Drive Editor Suzy Buckley; Inaugural Wine, Women & Shoes Committee member Christina Getty-Maercks; and Lucy Morillo-Anneti Miami Children's Hospital Foundation President & CEO

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FOX 7 Anchor Belkys Nerey, ABC 10 Anchor Laurie Jennings, former CBS Early Show and CBS 4 Anchor Maggie Rodriguez, CBS 4 Anchor Shannon Hori



"Shoe Guys": Mike Donahue, David Espinosa, Gabriel Decaran-Voigt, Honorary "Shoe Guy" Joseph Reyes, Dr. Marcos Contreras, David Maymon, Angel Nicolas, Atanur Yilmuz, Kash Patel, Frankie Ruiz

"I'm very excited that we are able to bring together women of all generations for philanthropy, friendship and fun," said Morillo-Agnetti. "It's only natural that you are here to support Miami Children's Hospital because our doctors and nurses provide the best pediatric care in Florida and expert subspecialized care to thousands of children worldwide."

Sponsors included Audi; Baudouin Croonenberghs; Capital Group Companies; CBS 4; Coral Gables Country Club; DJ Crespo; Delmonte; Estefan Enterprises; KARLA Conceptual Event Experiences; K&L Gates, LLP; Logistical Outsourcing; Menu Men, Inc.; Miyo Home; Montero Wolkov, LLP; Neiman Marcus Coral Gables; Ocean Drive Magazine; Victor & Tammy Napoli; Passion Growers, LLC; Premier Beverage; Tech-Optics, Inc.; Tui Lifestyle; Tui Pranich & Associates; Vattikuti Foundation; Vogue; and Isa & Ava Zucker.

Members of the Inaugural Wine, Women & Shoes Committee included Co-chairs Criselda Breene, Carola Pimentel, Honorary Chair Shannon Hori, Norma Jean Abraham, Gingi Beltran, Michele Benesch, Susanne Birbragher, Carolina Arellano Cejas, Heidi Charalambides, Andria Miyares, Fiorella De Satory, Cristina Echavarria, Christina Getty-Maercks, Gotmar Giron Ocariz, Beatriz Bravo-Gutierrez, Iran Issa-Khan, Gaby Jimenez, Irene Korge, Alison Kunkel, Nicole Lozano, Nancy Lopez Levy, Andrea Maenz, Belen Martinez-Christensen, Lily Moskovitz, Bronwyn Miller, Bridget Murphy, Tammy Napoli, Leticia Pfeffer, Terry Schecter, Jackie Silverman, Blair Sonville, Molly Snyder, Lauren Sturges-Fernandez, Maria Elena Uzcategui, Saoussan Wahab, Siri Willoch, and Jocelyn Woolworth.

Miami Children's Hospital Foundation has announced this will be an annual event and Wine, Women & Shoes Palm Beach benefiting Miami Children's Hospital Foundation will debut on Thursday, November 15 at Mar-a-Lago.

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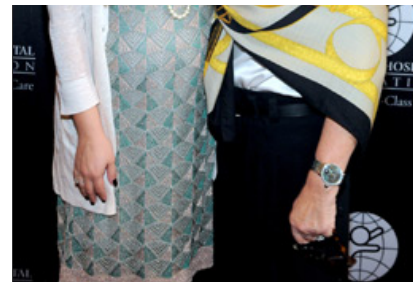
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MCH Foundation Board member Marile Lopez, MCH Foundation President & CEO Lucy Morillo-Agnetti (center), Dr. Rekha Kini, MCH Foundation Board member Ravneet Chowdhury



Never-before-seen Christian Louboutin shoes displayed in the Wine, Women & Shoes marketplace



Laura Buccellati and Lily Azel showing off the stylish purses at the Laura Buccellati booth in the Wine, Women & Shoes marketplace



Catherine Anne Markert, Tammy Napoli, Natasha Dubarry, Nina Miguel and Tatiana Silva





FOX 7 Anchor Belkys Nerey shops in the Wine, Women & Shoes marketplace



Lisa Ranawat, Stephanie Sayfie Agaard, "Shoe Guy" David Maymon, Nina Miguel, Catherine Anne Markert



Suzy Buckley and Heidi Charalambides



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Gingi Beltran and Tara Solomon



Nancy Levy, Laurie Stein and Lauren Sturges-Fernandez





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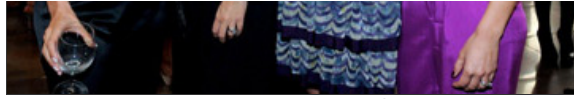


Neiman Marcus model shows off the latest Spring fashions



Andrea Noboa and Priya Punjabi





Beatriz Bravo, Monique Levy, Natalia Soria and Vanessa Tolosa



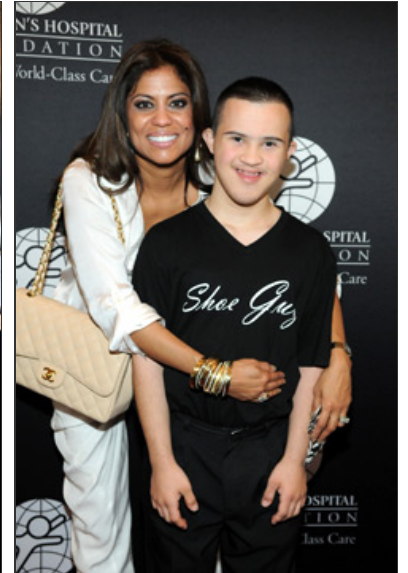
Jacqueline Silverman, Nicole Lozano, Chris Jones and Linda Levy



Colleen Schiff, Jocelyn Woolworth and Lydia Touzet



Sam Robin and Barbara Becker



MCH Foundation President & CEO Lucy Morillo-Agnetti with MCH patient and Honorary "Shoe Guy" Joseph Reyes



"Shoe Guy" and Miami Children's Young Ambassador Dr. Marcos Contreras models before a crowd of more than 400 women at the Inaugural Wine, Women & Shoes benefiting Miami Children's Hospital Foundation



"Shoe Guy" and Miami Children's hospital fellow Atanur Yilmuz shows off a necklace from the Wine, Women & Shoes marketplace

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