

JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER

49th Annual Black-Tie Ball



Jupiter Medical Center recently hosted its 49th Annual *Black-Tie Ball* at The Breakers Palm Beach, with generous presenting sponsors **Linda and John Purdy**. The evening brought together philanthropists, community leaders, and supporters for a celebration of the hospital's mission and future.

Featuring an incredible band, a \$350,000 matching gift from the **Booth Foundation**, and a lively auction, the event raised more than \$1.7 million for the expansion of the **Margaret W. Niedland Breast Center**. The *Ball* was Chaired by **Suzanne Niedland**, daughter of the Center's namesake.

"The *Black-Tie Ball* is a powerful reflection of the community's belief in Jupiter Medical Center and our mission to provide exceptional care close to home," said **Amit Rastogi, MD, MHCM**, President and CEO of Jupiter Medical Center. "The generosity shown, especially through the matching donation from the Booth Foundation, will have a lasting impact, helping us expand access to advanced breast health services and continue delivering the highest standards of quality, safety, and patient experience."

Last fall, Jupiter Medical Center, the region's only independent, not-for-profit health care system, announced a fundraising goal of \$15 million to expand the Margaret W. Niedland Breast Center. To date, the Foundation has raised \$10 million toward its goal, thanks to a transformational lead gift from **Dorothy J. Thomson** whose name is recognized in the Center's **Healing Garden** — a serene, restorative space designed to bring comfort and reflection to patients and families.

The Foundation is also deeply grateful for Suzanne Niedland's generous gift, which will be recognized through the naming of the **Suzanne L. Niedland Atrium**, a welcoming beacon of hope and healing for all who enter.

The Center opened in 2015, performing 18,000 breast imaging studies and 12,400 general imaging procedures in its first year. Since opening, the Center has more than doubled its annual volume, performing 40,000 breast imaging studies and 32,000 general imaging procedures last year. The expansion will add 13,000 square feet of advanced technology, including three CT scanners, a second MRI, expanded mammography, and a dedicated ultrasound biopsy room. These enhancements will increase patient capacity, reduce wait times, and support earlier, more precise diagnoses — ensuring patients receive timely, coordinated care in a comfortable and thoughtfully designed environment.

During her remarks, **Traci Simonsen**, Chief Philanthropy Officer of Jupiter Medical Center Foundation, expressed appreciation to attendees and sponsors, including presenting sponsors Linda and John Purdy, for their support, noting that at the onset of the evening, the event had already raised a remarkable \$1 million. She then acknowledged Suzanne Niedland for her passion and purpose, which propelled the creation of the Center and has now been instrumental in its expansion.

The *Black-Tie Ball* remains one of **Jupiter Medical Center Foundation's** signature philanthropic events, serving as both a celebration of progress and a catalyst for future growth. Next season, the *Ball* will celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

To learn more about the expansion campaign or to make a gift visit jmcfoundation.org. For more information about Jupiter Medical Center's services call 561.263.2234 or visit jupitermed.com.



FIRST ROW: Linda and John Purdy; Suzanne Niedland; **SECOND ROW:** Robert Stilley, Mary Lynn Magar with Jillian and Adam Hasner; Steve Seeley, David and Maura DeGrande with Wendy and Zack Buice; **THIRD ROW:** Sal and Kim Tiano; Timothy and Jayne Donahue; **FOURTH ROW:** Debbie Dunkin, Thomas Quick and Dr. Amit Rastogi; Lee and Jeffrey Alderton; Dr. Shanel and Stephanie Bhagwandin with John Stanfield. PHOTOS: TRACEY BENSON PHOTOGRAPHY