

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY
Spring Luncheon



Patrons and friends of **Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS)** gathered for its Third Annual *Spring Luncheon* at The Colony Hotel. Chaired by **Wendy Roberts, Giselle Parry, Lori Stoll, and Gale Brophy**, the *Luncheon* was sold out and raised more than \$180,000 for CHS's *Family Visitation Center* in West Palm Beach.

Margaret Donnelley and **Kathy Leone** served as Honorary Chairs. In recognition of her efforts to bring the *Family Visitation Center* to Palm Beach, Kathy was also honored with CHS's *Child Advocate of the Year Award*.

Prior to lunch, guests enjoyed a silent auction and shopping at the exclusive **Jennifer Tattanelli** pop up boutique. After lunch, guests had the opportunity to hear directly from a mother who shared her personal account of having her young children removed from her home. With help and hope from CHS, she was reunited with her two sons after being separated for over a year.

The *Luncheon* ended with a Grand Finale Call to the Heart hosted by "Mr. Palm Beach" himself, **Rob Russell**. Knowing the critical needs of the center, guests displayed immense generosity, including **Lois Pope**, who stood up to make the first pledge, taking home a European River Cruise courtesy of AmaWaterways and Travel Leaders.

The only facility of its kind in Palm Beach County, the Center provides families with a safe, home-like atmosphere where they benefit from consistent, quality visits together. The ultimate goal is to permanently reunify in a safe, stronger home — together. Funds raised from the *Luncheon* will allow CHS to hire additional staff and provide transportation opportunities, meaning a waiting list of families in need can turn into more families being served.

Luncheon Sponsors included Presenting: **Valerie Winchester**; Champions: **Shawn M. Donnelley, Leone Family Trust, Mrs. Lee Munder** and **The Sovereign Order of St. John**; Advocates: **Margaret Donnelley, Nancy Richter, Wendy Roberts, Sunny Sessa** and **International Society of Palm Beach**; Supporter: **Lois Pope**; Patrons: **Jane Brickell, Aileen Carlucci, Gita Costa, Pamela Fiori, Arlette Gordon, Grace Haggerty** and **Ed and Barbara O'Sullivan**.

For more information visit www.chsfl.org.

FIRST ROW: Wendy Roberts and Giselle Parry; Kathy Leone and Marie Unanue; **SECOND ROW:** Lois Pope and Rob Russell; Lori Stoll and Gale Brophy; **THIRD ROW:** Margaret Costello and Laura Munder; Arlette Gordon and Janet Pleasants; **FOURTH ROW:** Judith Zerfoss and Tracy Szlyk; Larry Rein and Lauren Fuentes.

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