

CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES 23rd Annual Old Bags Luncheon



Over 450 high-fashion guests came out to support **Center For Family Services (CFS)** at the highly anticipated *Old Bags Luncheon* with **Allison Nicklaus**, Chair. The day-long event opened at The Colony Hotel and included a silent auction with 300 designer handbags; a pop-up garden filled with exceptional boutiques; a thought provoking Mission Moment; dining at renowned Palm Beach restaurants; retail therapy at 50 participating Worth Avenue boutiques; and a surprise announcement of a \$1 million donation from Committee Member and Vice Board Chair, **Tammy Pompea**. All proceeds support the organization's mission to strengthen individuals, families and children through eight programs that provide mental health and educational services in Palm Beach County. CFS's mission was demonstrated during the auction through a Mission Moment that centered around 6 beautiful, female models dressed in high-fashion by sponsor, **Marissa Collections**. Brightly colored ribbons cascaded from the ceiling, framing a stage and the models who had mental health impact words such as anxiety, depression, crisis, trauma, abuse, drugs, and suicide written boldly on their skin. Alessia Cara's *Scars To Your Beautiful* song played while a narrative was read by **Mike McGann** from *Legends Radio* about a woman struggling with mental health issues. The Mission Moment demonstrated the importance of recognizing that mental distress and illness is many times invisible to the naked eye. "Providing mental health services for over 60 years and serving over 1,000,000 families is an amazing accomplishment that the Center is proud of," said Center for Family Services CEO **Fabiana DesRosiers**. "We wanted to highlight this during the *Old Bags Luncheon* this year. Together, we remove mental burdens and help our families and communities heal and become stronger."

Following the auction, guests ascended on Worth Avenue for lunch and Retail Therapy. They dined at Palm Beach's finest restaurants including Bice, BrickTop's, Le Bilboquet, Renato's and Swifty's. Guests then strolled the vias and shopped at the participating luxury boutiques to support mental health services in the community. The *Old Bags Luncheon* finale was an elegant cocktail party on the lawn of The Colony Hotel where sponsors, chairs, and committee members were honored and thanked. The highlight of the reception was the surprise announcement of the \$1 million donation made by philanthropist Tammy Pompea. The donation was made in honor of CFS's 60th Anniversary and the milestone of



providing services to over one million individuals and families in Palm Beach County. "There has always been a need. But I think now during the pandemic and post pandemic, the need is greater than it's ever been. So, I asked myself, why wouldn't my husband and I step up and do something to make such a difference? I want children to have every opportunity that they can have to live healthy and happy lives. The children are our future," said Vice Board Chair **Tammy Pompea**. CFS is accessible to all and provides mental health services to about 1,500 clients annually, providing over 10,000 hours of mental health to strengthen children and families.

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FIRST ROW: Allison Nicklaus, Kristan Stutts, Laura Russell and Susy Benjamin; Karen Swanson, Diane Smith and Tammy Pompea; Kristen Bardin and Fabiana DesRosiers; Cecy Martinez and Beth Aspludh; Arlette Gordon and Sally Kimball; Gail Worth and Lois Pope; **SECOND ROW:** Model; Barbara Pendrill and Stephanie Schwed; Beth Brown, Lorry Rahman and Tanya Lorigan; Bettina Anderson and Audrey Gruss; **THIRD ROW:** Diana Maune, Harrison Morgan and Dionne Schneider; Danielle Rollins, Mary Coleman and Katherine Shenaman; Cori Lee Seaberg and Sarah Cooke; **FOURTH ROW:** Lex Hinter, Renee Scott and Sasha Scott; Jay Hartington and Frances Fisher; Michelle Worth, Laura Moore Tanne and Jacqui Michel; Meg Caswell and Nicole Steel.

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