



TOP ROW: Corey Damen Jenkins, Daniel Quintero, Bunny Williams, James Druckman and Jamie Drake; Zach Gibbs and Nate Berkus; Andrew Torrey, Mara Miller, Jesse Carrier and Sasha Bikoff; **BOTTOM ROW:** Young Huh; Jill Cohen, Jesse Carrier, Mara Miller and Alexa Hampton; Sherry Bronfman and Hannah Bronfman; Margaret Russell and Bryan Sawyer. PHOTOS: MADISON VOELKEL/BFA.COM

KIPS BAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

President's Dinner

The nation's design industry elite gathered at the **Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club's** annual *President's Dinner* to honor **The Shade Store** and the late design legend **Suzanne Rheinstein**. This year's event attendees helped to raise over \$1.1 million to fund essential afterschool programs for more than 10,000 young people at nine locations throughout the Bronx.

Held at New York's Cipriani 42nd Street, the black tie event was chaired by celebrated designers **Jamie Drake** and **Corey Damen Jenkins**. The event was vice-chaired by acclaimed designers **Sasha Bikoff**, **Alessandra Branca**, **Jesse Carrier**, **Mara Miller**, **Alexa Hampton**, **Young Huh** and **Andrew Torrey**.

The gala, which included cocktails and a seated dinner, honored The Shade Store and the late design legend Suzanne Rheinstein. **Nate Berkus** presented **Zach Gibbs**, CEO of The Shade Store, with the company's award. Gibbs spoke about the large-scale partnership with the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club that has been in place since 2018, calling it "incredibly rewarding on so many levels" also noting, "it's important to us to give

back to programs that make a difference." Later in the evening, Honorary Dinner Chair **Bunny Williams** made a moving tribute to the late Suzanne Rheinstein. Williams spoke about her long and cherished friendship with Rheinstein, and the tradition of philanthropy that was so important to Rheinstein, ending with a toast that brought the entire crowd of 700+ guests to their feet.

A crowd favorite of the night were the song and dance performances by members of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club's *Performing Arts Program*. The *President's Dinner* raises money to provide more than 10,000 young people between the ages of 6 and 18 at nine locations throughout the Bronx with essential after-school and enrichment programs aimed to help them recognize their potential for growth and success. Today, the club is proudly one of the most prominent and responsive youth development agencies in New York City and a "flagship" of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Since the organization was established over 100 years ago, they have grown into a recognized leader among the 4,500 Boys & Girls Clubs nationally.