

VOLUNTEER SALUTE



Over 600 volunteers and guests were groovin' for the **Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts' Volunteer Salute**. The annual thank you dinner is known for its imaginative themes and fun surprises. This year, the "Motown Monday" theme took guests back to an era of soul. Longtime volunteers were honored for their time and awards were presented for *Outstanding Student Volunteers*, *Outstanding Rookie Usher* and *Outstanding Ushers*.

"We want to express our deepest gratitude to you, our incredible volunteers," said **Peggy Sheriff**, Front of House Operations Manager for the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. "Tonight, we celebrate not just our venue and not just our performances, but you, the dedicated individuals who make the magic happen. May you continue to be hometown heroes of the arts and may you all know how appreciated you are. You are not just our volunteers; you are our family."

Guests were treated to dinner prepared by **Lessing's Hospitality Group** and danced the evening away to a live show by **The Essence of Motown**.

"Without all of you, we could not do our jobs here at Kravis," said **Diane Quinn**, CEO of the Kravis Center. "Volunteering isn't just about giving your time; it's about giving back. All of you have illustrated this, not only for the last year but for many years. So far this season our volunteers have donated more than 50,000 hours of time and the season is not over yet. This is a strong community, which is made apparent by the number of people here tonight — the most we have ever had. Thank you for your support."

Quinn then thanked Board Chair **Sherry Barrat** and Board members **Penny Bank**, **Dr. Martha Rodriguez**, **Bradley Hurston**, **Bill Peterson** and Life Trustee **Bill Meyer** for their support and attendance.

The Kravis Center proudly recognized several long-serving volunteers with anniversary pins. **Laura Valdivieso**, who resides in West Palm Beach, was honored for 30 years of dedicated service. **Cheryl Korman** of Palm Beach Gardens, along with **Sandra Nichols** of Boynton Beach and **Allen Trefry** of Palm Beach Gardens, were each honored for 25 years of volunteer service.

Mary Stucchi and **Miranda Hawkins**, Education Associates at the Kravis Center, recognized West Palm Beach residents **Naama Gomes-Sammah** and **Sydney Ligonde** as the *Outstanding Student Volunteers*. Event Manager **Karole Cooney** presented the *Outstanding Usher Award* to **Amy Noah**, resident of Lake Worth, and **Joyce Quackenbush**, resident of Boynton Beach. Event Manager **Armund Dezii** presented Lake Worth resident **Kimberly Smith** with the *Outstanding Rookie Usher Award*.

For more information on volunteering at the Kravis Center call 561.651.4294.



FIRST ROW: Bill Fitzpatrick, Amy Noah, Joyce Quackenbush, Karole Cooney, Kimberly Smith, Peggy Sheriff and Armund Dezii; **Mary Stucchi**, Sydney Ligonde, Naama Gomes-Sammah and Miranda Hawkins; **SECOND ROW:** Cheryl Korman and Diane Quinn; Ann and Ed Katz; **THIRD ROW:** Nancy and Bob Tschupp; Connie and John Hitchcock; **FOURTH ROW:** Dennis and Ann Deutsch; Douglas and Eve Proebster; **FIFTH ROW:** Jim Maus and Donna Krochak

