

PROMISE FUND

Scientific Forum Luncheon



Promise Fund, in partnership with its exclusive healthcare partner, **Baptist Health Cancer Care**, hosted its annual *Scientific Forum Luncheon* at The Beach Club in Palm Beach, bringing together nearly 80 guests, comprising board members, supporters, community leaders, and medical experts.

The event highlighted groundbreaking advancements in cancer detection and treatment, emphasizing the critical need for early detection, patient navigation, and expanded access to life-saving screenings and care for underserved women.

Amb. Nancy Brinker, Co-Founder of the Promise Fund, emphasized the organization's unwavering mission to break down barriers to care, ensuring that no woman is left behind due to financial or logistical obstacles.

The forum featured a panel of Baptist Health medical experts, including **Dr. Kathy Schilling**, **Dr. Jane Mendez**, and **Dr. John Diaz**, who provided invaluable insights into the latest advancements in breast and gynecologic cancer care. Topics ranged from artificial intelligence in breast imaging to tailored treatment approaches and fertility-preserving surgical innovations.

Dr. Michael Zinner, CEO and Executive Medical Director of **Miami Cancer Institute** and **Baptist Health Cancer Care**, highlighted the impact of partnerships in enhancing survivorship and announced the upcoming **AI and Jane Nahmad Women's Cancer Center**, a new state-of-the-art facility dedicated to comprehensive women's cancer care.

Guests were also introduced to **Audrey Brown**, the recently appointed CEO of the Promise Fund, who shared her vision for scaling the organization's successful model to reach more communities in need. A moving patient story showcased the tangible impact of the Promise Fund's patient navigation program, reinforcing the importance of continued support and investment in women's health initiatives.

The *Luncheon* concluded with a dynamic Q&A session, allowing guests to engage directly with experts driving advancements in cancer care across South Florida and beyond. The forum also served as a call to action to support the Promise Fund's mission by volunteering, donating, and advocating for increased healthcare access.

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FIRST ROW: Amb. Nancy Brinker, Dr. Michael Zinner and Nicki Harris; Dr. Jane Mendez, Dr. John Diaz and Dr. Kathy Schilling; **SECOND ROW:** Audrey Brown and Ellen Levy; Donna and Dr. David Dodson; **THIRD ROW:** Alicia Dahill and Yvette Bonnet; John and Diane Sculley; **FOURTH ROW:** Melissa Masternick and Ashleigh Walters; Tom and Leslie Rosin. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

