



VITA NOVA'S SIXTH ANNUAL Mallets & Martinis

With nearly 300 guests in attendance, Vita Nova's Sixth Annual *Mallets & Martinis* event raised over \$160,000 to benefit homeless youth in Palm Beach County. The nonprofit's signature fundraising event took place at the National Croquet Center in West Palm Beach.

Guests of Vita Nova's *Mallets & Martinis* dressed in "Chic Croquet Whites" and enjoyed a beautiful evening under the palms that featured croquet, refreshing martinis, and live music. The program included a welcome by **Juliet Murphy Roulhac**, FPL Director, Corporate Philanthropy and Community Engagement. FPL was the event's Platinum Sponsor. After the guests enjoyed a three-course dinner, emcee and auctioneer, **Jay Zeager**, led an exciting live auction that featured luxurious trips, and experiences. **Jeff DeMario**, CEO of Vita Nova thanked all of the guests, sponsors and supporters and shared the importance of the work of Vita Nova to help the youth they serve become self-sufficient. Guests also heard from **Ke'onda**, a Vita Nova alumni youth, who shared her powerful and inspiring story.

The Chairs of the successful event were **Yvonne and Ed De Varona**. This dynamic couple helped raise a historic amount of funds to benefit Vita Nova fund the formula for over 500 youth that Vita Nova provides service to. All proceeds from this event will go towards Vita Nova's *Housing Program* and *Independent Living Services*.

Serving over 500 youth in Palm Beach County, Vita Nova is a safe bridge to independence for former foster care, LGBTQ, and other homeless youth through supportive housing, education, employment, and life skills training. Working to eliminate homelessness for youth ages 18 to 25 years old in Palm Beach County, Vita Nova acts as an advocate and support system for homeless young adults.

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To learn more about Vita Nova or to donate visit vitanovainc.org or call 561.689.0035.

FIRST ROW: Yvonne and Ed De Varona; Jill and Jeff DeMario; Katie and Brent Andrews with Anna and Matthew Lynch; **SECOND ROW:** Kat Joy and Vassilia Binesztok; Juliet Roulhac and Derick Ali; **THIRD ROW:** Julia Murphy, Rick Asnani and Katherine Murphy; **FOURTH ROW:** Mayor Keith James and Christina Lambert; Senator Bobby and Whitney Powell

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