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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BROWARD COUNTY HOST VIP RENDEZVOUS KICK-OFF EVENT PRESENTED BY EVENT CHAIRS CHRISTY & LARRY HIERHOLZER

Boys & Girls Clubs supporters enjoyed a private celebration launching the 28th Annual ShowBoats International Boys & Girls Club Rendezvous taking place November 12-14, 2015

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (October 15, 2015) – The **Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County** hosted a **VIP Rendezvous Kick-Off Event** at Events by Grateful Palate on October 13 presented by **Event Chairs Christy & Larry Hierholzer**. Boys & Girls Clubs supporters enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in celebration of the upcoming 28th Annual ShowBoats International Boys & Girls Club Rendezvous and its return to Fisher Island Club November 12-14.

“The ShowBoats International Rendezvous is all to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County and is the largest gathering of mega-yachts for charity in the world. The event has raised more than \$30 million to date for our organization and the 12,500 at-risk youth it serves,” said Brian Quail, President/CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County.

Rendezvous weekend kicks off Thursday, November 12 with the signature Yacht Hop event, where the lifestyle of the rich and famous is truly emulated. Guests dressed in chic attire will be treated to the ‘good life’ as yacht owners and captains do their best to out-do one another and truly impress their newly boarded guests, followed by a tremendous firework display, special entertainment, delectable food and gourmet desserts. Late night entertainment includes Dueling Pianos at Café Tangier. Thursday also marks the start of the Luxe Collection silent auction and showcase of luxury products and services.

On Friday, November 13, a daytime pool party and fashion show will take place followed by the “Miami Vice Costume Ball” themed party with gourmet food stations and live entertainment by Rubix Kube, also known as “The Ultimate 80’s Tribute Band” performing during the 80’s Dance Party. Guests are invited to experience the super-charged show featuring nostalgic cover songs of the 1980’s. Led by a male and female dynamic duo of karma chameleons, Rubix Kube is able to transform in the-blink-of-an-eye into the voice and character of any of the decade’s musical icons.

Saturday, November 14 features a BBQ with Boys & Girls Clubs members rockin' in the tropics to the exciting "Floribbean" style by American Pop & Tropical Rock band, Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways. That evening, Ulysse Nardin will present an invitation-only cocktail party for Admirals, a generous group of individuals who contribute \$50,000 annually to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County. The “Moon Over Miami” Black Tie Gala is the grand finale of the weekend, featuring a live performance by American female R&B recording group, The Pointer Sisters. With 13 U.S. top 20 hits between 1973 and 1985, the world renown Pointer Sisters began their mainstream success in the 1970s and 1980s with hits including *Jump (for My Love)*; *Automatic*; and *Fire* as well as cover hits of *Sisters Are Doin' It for Themselves* and remix of *I'm So Excited*. The Pointer Sisters' repertoire has included diverse genres including: pop, disco, jazz, electronic music, bebop, blues, soul, funk, dance, country and rock, and has earned accolades such as three Grammy Awards and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1994.

Also during the gala, Mary Anne Kull and late husband Richard, who have demonstrated 10 years of service and contributed one million dollars in donations, will be inducted into the Dream Makers Society. Dream Makers inductees are individuals who have established a long term commitment to Boys & Girls Clubs for at least 10 years, have played a vital role in the development of a program or event that has had a significant impact on the success of the organization and have personally contributed funds in excess of one million dollars. Dream Maker Society Members include: Felix Sabates, Rita & Rick Case, Florence & Larry DeGeorge, Marti & Wayne Huizenga, James E. McDonnell IV and Linda & Douglas Von Allmen.

“Having the opportunity to be a part of the Boys & Girls Clubs Rendezvous and celebrating an organization near and dear to our hearts is especially exciting for us,” says Event Chairs, Christy & Larry Hierholzer. “The Fisher Island Club offers first-rate amenities and recreation, which we are thrilled to be able to offer to our guests this year.”

The Fisher Island Marina, where the most luxurious mega-yachts dock, is capable of handling over 20 yachts, making it the perfect venue for the 28th anniversary of the Rendezvous. With plenty of space to accommodate mega-yachts of all sizes, the 28th Annual Showboats International Boys & Girls Clubs Rendezvous is sure to be the most spectacular yachting event in history.

According to Rita & Rick Case, Founders of the Annual ShowBoats International Boys & Girls Clubs Rendezvous, “We’re thrilled to return home to South Florida and the beautiful Fisher Island Club. With a tremendous Saturday Night Gala featuring entertainment by The Pointer Sisters, this is sure to be a truly incredible celebration – the biggest and best Rendezvous yet and a memorable weekend for those who attend, all for a much deserving cause.”

Guests of the 28th Annual ShowBoats International Boys & Girls Clubs Rendezvous will have a choice of accommodations, including the option to spend the weekend on their yacht. Guests who stay on Fisher Island will enjoy full access to the amenities of the resort throughout the weekend, from spa retreats to world class golf, tennis and spectacular pool and beach access.

For more information on how to attend the 28th Annual ShowBoats International Boys & Girls Clubs Rendezvous, please call (954) 537-1010 or visit www.YachtRendezvous.com. Sponsorship opportunities, donations and yacht entries are available on a range of levels including: Yacht entry under 80’ includes 4 tickets (\$9,500); Yacht entry 81’ – 124’ includes 6 tickets (\$13,500); Yacht entry 125’ – 149’ includes 8 tickets (\$17,500); and Yacht entry 150’ and above includes 10 tickets (\$21,500). The Land Lovers Weekend Credential includes all three evening functions at \$1,500 per person, and individual tickets are available for the Thursday night Yacht Hop, Friday night Costume Ball, and Saturday night Gala at \$500 per person. Guests do not need to register a yacht to attend.

Celebrating their 50th Anniversary, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (BGCBC) is a non-profit 501(c) (3) private agency, dedicated to helping young people improve their lives by building self-esteem and developing values and skills during their critical period of growth. Serving more than 12,500 at-risk youth, ages 6-18 each year from its 12 Broward County-area clubs, their purpose is to inspire and enable children to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Chosen as the #1 youth agency in the country four years in a row by The Chronicle of Philanthropy and one of the best run non-profit agencies in a study by Fortune 500. The Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County is located at 877 NW 61st Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. For more information, please call (954) 537-1010 or visit www.bgcbc.org.

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