

'Denim and Diamonds' Gala honoring Pat Moran raises \$225,000

Deliver the Dream's fourth annual "Denim and Diamonds" Gala took place recently at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa. The gala paid tribute to the nonprofit's founder and CEO Pat Moran, former chairman of JM Family Enterprises Inc., recognizing her tremendous impact on the lives of seriously ill children and their families. Community leader Ray Imperial served as event chair and Biscup Spine Institute was the event's title sponsor.

Emceed by WSVN 7's weekend anchor Reed Cowan, the gala proved to be a memorable evening for attendees, with a mixture of community spirit, elegance, and comedy. Guests enjoyed headline entertainment featuring comedic magician Bill Malone and stand-up comedian and country singer Gary Mule Deer. Throughout the evening, guests enjoyed great dance tunes by the Gypsy Lane Band.

The evening in its entirety netted more than \$225,000, bringing the total funds raised

since the gala's inception to more than \$900,000.

The Denim and Diamonds Gala brings together organizations, corporations and people who are committed to making a difference in the lives of families in crisis. "Such a large part of our practice is giving people with disabling and often crippling pain a chance to improve their quality of life," said Biscup Spine Institute's founder, Dr. Robert Biscup. "Deliver the Dream accomplishes that mission in a very significant way by impacting entire families."

Event chair Ray Imperial praised the gala's many corporate sponsors. "We are enormously grateful to our title sponsor Biscup Spine Institute, along with our other major sponsors, Andy Roddick Foundation, Comcast, Sun-Sentinel and WSVN 7, for investing so much of their time and dollars in supporting our efforts to help families who so desperately need the assistance Deliver the Dream's retreat program provides." Lead sponsors of the

gala also included Citrix Systems, Inc., JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Wachovia Bank, N.A., Ed Morse Automotive Group, Machado/Garcia-Serra, Siemon & Larsen P.A., South Florida Business Journal, 22-Squared and Williams & Connolly LLP.

Proceeds from the gala are used to fund Deliver the Dream's retreat program, which serves families in need by helping them to enhance coping skills, reduce stress, and cultivate supportive relationships that will see them through their crisis.

The organization offers four-day, three-night retreats which combine traditional recreational activities like hiking, swimming, fishing and rock wall climbing with therapeutic workshops, peer-to-peer discussion groups and expressive arts and music activities.

For information about Deliver the Dream, call 1-888-687-3732 or visit www.deliverthedream.org.



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