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OF MIAMI-DADE



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6th Annual “Claws for Kids” Brunch at Joe’s Stone Crab Raised Nearly \$140,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade

Joe’s Offers Guests Signature Menu Items for a Good “Claws”

Miami, Fla. – May 25, 2017 – Nearly 450 people brunched at the century-old South Beach institution Joe’s Stone Crab on Sunday, May 7th for the 6th Annual “Claws for Kids” fundraising brunch that raised close to \$140,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade.

Joe’s iconic staff served up signature dishes to the guests, including their world-famous stone crabs, plus house made coleslaw, hash brown potatoes, creamed spinach, Key Lime pie, and bottomless bubbles.

As guests cracked their claws, Frank Sinatra impersonator Jeff Grainger with Sinatra Sounds Entertainment provided the entertainment. Old Blue Eyes would have been proud.

Judy Kramer, who has chaired the event five times in its six-year history, chaired the event again this year. Kramer is a retired Miami-Dade County Public Schools executive.

“We are happy to present ‘Claws for Kids’ for the sixth consecutive year,” Kramer told the guests. “Now that the South Beach Club is open and running with 200 new kids, the funds raised from this event will go to our overall Capital Campaign efforts to renovate our two oldest clubs, the Hank Kline and Northwest Clubs.”

Also at the event, City of Miami Beach City Manager Jimmy L. Morales, a long-standing supporter of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade, received the “From the Heart Award.” The award honors a person, family or organization that has shown overwhelming support and constant dedication to the children of the community and beyond.

In addition to Kramer, “Claws for Kids” committee members included Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade former Board President and current Special Events Chair Olga Guilarte, Kerrin Bermont, Vanessa Bertran, Pamela Guilarte, Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade Board Member Willie Ho, Lisa Kramer, Capital & Endowment Campaign Co-chair Lisa Mendelson, Connie Rebozo, Rae Stein, Gian Traina, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade Board Member Dr. Mark Walker.

Dr. Michael S. and Lynda Gordon returned as the event’s Main Claw Sponsor; Ocean Bank returned as the Jumbo Claw Sponsor; Performance Team Sports returned as the Large Claw Sponsor; and Continental National Bank, Eller-ITO Stevedoring Company LLC, Kurt Lopez &

Vanessa Bertran, Esq., and McDonald's all were Claw Sponsors.

This year, 44 items were raffled, including three live auction items of a seven-day Caribbean cruise for two on Norwegian Cruise Lines and a suite at Marlin's Park for up to 22 guests for the May 21 game against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade has been serving youth in the community since 1940. What once was a single building and site for boys has grown to five Clubs serving thousands of boys and girls year-round, providing programs in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, cultural arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Club staffing, initiatives, and programs are designed to inspire and enable young people and provide them with the resources to succeed and share in the American Dream. For more information, please visit www.bgcmia.org.

About Joe's Stone Crab

Joe's Stone Crab, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2013, was established when Joseph Weiss came to Miami for a change of climate to help his asthma. Weiss opened a lunch stand, originally offering fish and fries, on Miami Beach, which eventually evolved into today's establishment. It is located at 11 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139. For more information, visit www.joesstonecrab.com.

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