



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF MIAMI-DADE



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**The 2018 “Claws for Kids” Brunch at Joe’s Stone Crab Raised Over \$135,000  
for Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade**

*Proceeds Bring Much-Needed Funding for the Clubs’ Many Positive Programs*

**Miami, Fla. – May 7, 2018** – More than 330 people enjoyed Sunday brunch at South Beach’s famous Joe’s Stone Crab on May 6 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade’s 7<sup>th</sup> Annual “Claws for Kids” event.

Guests enjoyed delicious stone crabs and other signature menu items without the wait while raising over \$135,000 for Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade’s many programs. These include after school programs, homework assistance, computer training, social skills, dance, arts & crafts, professional mentoring, and summer and athletic programs.

This year’s event honored Andrew Stuart, President and CEO of Norwegian Cruise Lines, with the ‘From the Heart Award’ for his overwhelming support and constant dedication to the children of the community.

As guests cracked their claws, well-known Frank Sinatra impersonator, Jeff Grainger, with Sinatra Sounds Entertainment crooned.

Judy Kramer, philanthropist, graciously chaired this year’s event for the sixth time in a row. Also on the “Claws for Kids” committee are Special Events Chair Olga Guilarte, Lisa Kramer, Dr. Mark Walker, Rae Stein, Willie Ho, Vanessa Bertran and Lisa Mendelson.

“It’s an incredible pleasure to watch as this event grows in popularity each year,” Kramer said to the guests. “It’s a blessing to be able to count on the support of our existing sponsors from one year to the next and it’s wonderful to welcome new sponsors into the fold. We are extremely grateful to each and every one of you.”

The Carmen Rebozo Foundation was the event’s Main Claw Sponsor. Ocean Bank returned as the Jumbo Claw Sponsor. Performance Team Sports returned as the Large Claw Sponsor. Continental National Bank, Eller-ITO Stevedoring Company LLC and McDonald’s returned as Claw Sponsors.

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This year, over 50 items were raffled plus a Norwegian Cruise Line cruise, a Miami Marlins suite at Marlin's Park for up to 22 guests, a Mother's Day Treasure Chest that includes a two-night stay in Key West and Florida Panthers Box Seats.

#### **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](http://www.bgcmia.org).

#### **About Joe's Stone Crab**

Joe's Stone Crab, which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.joesstonecrab.com).

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