

# The Miami Herald

## SOUTH FLORIDA ALBUM

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### Fab bash at The Well raises nearly \$40,000 for Miami Children's Hospital

The hipster and social set turned out big time for a sneak peek of the new hot spot, The Well, under leadership of **Shareef Malik** and **Buzz Sklar**, before its true opening. But it was more than

just a preview of Miami Beach's newest lounge: The dynamic duo hosted the fab bash in support of Miami Children's Hospital, led by attorney and Miami Children's Young Ambassadors Leadership Committee member **Michael Grieco** and WSVN's **Louis Aguirre**.

Partygoers sipped delicious cocktails by Southern Wine & Spirits and Brown-Forman while socializing with the young and the beautiful and not to mention philanthropic crowd.

Grieco and Aguirre welcomed the audience and shared the many wonderful assets of the hospital. Miami Beach City Commissioner **Jerry Libbin** presented a proclamation to MCH President and CEO **Dr. M. Narendra Kini** and MCH Foundation President and CEO **Lucy Morillo-Agnetti**. Dr. Kini announced plans to open additional outpatient centers in the near future — adding to

Doral, Miami Lakes, Palmetto Bay, Weston, West Kendall and Palm Beach County — in order to accommodate the increasing demand for pediatric outpatient and specialty services in various communities throughout South Florida.

The event raised nearly \$40,000 for the children.

#### PARTY

The Soho Beach House seems to be the venue of choice for the hip and happening scenes this past summer and leading up to the Fall social season. Interview magazine recently hosted the exclusive launch party for Editor-at-Large **Christopher Bollen's** debut novel, "Lightning People," at the swanky hot spot.

Many of Miami's movers and shakers from the worlds of fashion, corporate industries, entertainment and arts flocked to the laid-back reception including Food Network star **Ingrid Hoffmann**, handbag designer **Laura Buccellati**, artist **Carlos Betancourt**, Telemundo host **Candela Ferro**, Bass Museum of Art Director of External Affairs **Megan Riley**, nightlife impresario **Zac Courtney**, Dr. **Leonard Tachmes**, outdoor-living designer **Fernando Wong**, **Fabian Basabe**, **Halle Campos** and **Dana Shear**.

The event was sponsored by



Commissioner Jerry Libbin; Dr. M. Narendra Kini, Miami Children's Hospital President and CEO; Lucy Morillo-Agnetti, Miami Children's Hospital Foundation President and CEO; George Esposito, Michael Grieco and Louis Aguirre at The Well.

and Belvedere Vodka.

#### GROUNDBREAKING

Congrats to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade for holding a historic groundbreaking ceremony for its new 11,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art South Beach Club in Miami Beach, which will serve boys and girls in the area.

Miami Beach Mayor **Matti Herrera** Bower, Miami Beach Commissioner **Michael Gonsora** and **Olga Gullarte**, President of the Board of

computer lab, a teaching kitchen for children, homework rooms, game rooms and a creative arts room, and will serve approximately 400 children from the local area.

After remarks from **Gene Scheffer**, President of Bank of America, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, **Alex Rodriguez-Roig**, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-

Dade, and Gullarte, key supporters, donors and board members each took a sledgehammer to the



Carlos Betancourt and Laura Buccellati at the Soho Beach House.



Alex Rodriguez-Roig, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade.

Bank of America and the Fisher Island Philanthropic Fund, two of the project's donors, to witness and participate in this amazing event. The project is additionally supported by individual donations and government grants.

After having served the children of Miami Beach for 27 years, the present 2,500-square-foot South Beach Club on the site was demolished on the day of the groundbreaking to make way for construction of the new facility.

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and began the demolition of the old building.

#### SAVE THE DATE

The Loews Miami Beach Hotel will team up with Miami Dolphins alumni, NFL players and many "personalities" at the Miami Beach Golf Club for the First Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament benefiting DonorsChoose.org, an online nonprofit connecting donors to the classrooms in need. According to Loews sources, confirmed celebs include adored former Miami Dolphins player



Carlos Betancourt and Laura Buccellati at the Soho Beach House.

back to the local schools in our area," said **Shawn Hauer**, area director of operations, Loews Hotels. "All of us at Loews Hotels are committed to providing resources which not only support education but also enhance individual classrooms, therefore empower children and create an even better learning environment."

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Carol Switzer, Lamberto Petrecca, Marco Rocca, Gloria Porcella, Mayor Jim Cason and Camilla Ancilotto at the 'Original Sin' exhibit at Galleria Ca' d' Oro.

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Miami-Dade Cultural Center, 55-550 Sat. 10-5 p.m. 4th and 5th floors.

Association Char. Happy Hour, 5 p.m. Florida's Children's Hospital Institute, 10-11 p.m.

PAWS Luncheon fashion show, 10-11 p.m. Americas, Dania Mansa Society of 10-11 p.m.

Magie, Fort Lauderdale, 10-11 p.m. Children's Hospital of Fort Lauderdale, 10-11 p.m.

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Luncheon, Weston Hills Country Club, 10 a.m. \$54, 954-749-7230.

Oct. 13: Baptist Health Nursing Scholars Dinner, Jungle Island, 786-576-6535 or [events@baptisthealth.net](mailto:events@baptisthealth.net).

Oct. 13: Young Pros for Covenant House Networking Party, Capagne's, Fort Lauderdale, 6-8:30 p.m. \$5-\$20, 954-568-7916 or [youngpros.net](http://youngpros.net).

Oct. 13: University of Miami Cancer Link's Stars in Pink Luncheon, 10-11 a.m. Jungle Island, \$95-\$1,000, 305-665-5502.

Oct. 13: Gold Medal Wine Tour Dinner, Mojo, Fort Lauderdale, 6 p.m. \$125, 561-504-8463. Benefits Tomorrow's Rainbow.

Oct. 14: Night on the Riviera, Ferrari-Maserati of Fort Lauderdale, 7 p.m. 954-763-6776, Ext. 213. Benefits Gilda's Club.

Oct. 14-16: Miami Beach Antique Jewelry & Watch Show, \$15, 239-732-6442.

Oct. 15: Broward Bar Association Charity Golf Tournament, Jacaranda Golf Club, Plantation, 954-525-6566.