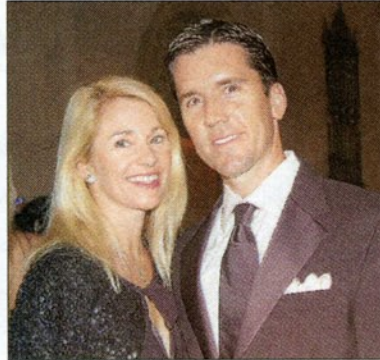


## PLACE OF HOPE AND VILLAGES OF HOPE



Alex deLange and Charles Bender



Susan and Tommy Mayes



Jayne-Beth and Chuck Wall



Lorraine and Merrill Eastman

## KID FRIENDLY

Ball includes a silent auction and a Bless the Children cash call.

**E**ven in the toughest economic times, somebody has to watch out for the kids. To that end, advocates for Palm Beach County's foster children gathered for the Hope Ball.

The third annual event took place Feb. 6 at The Breakers.

**Cheri Martin** and **Alex deLange** were chairwomen for the evening, which began with a cocktail reception and silent auction. Dinner, dancing to Vox Blue and a Bless the Children cash call followed.

Proceeds from the event benefit Place of Hope and Villages of Hope.

Place of Hope, one of the largest family-style child welfare organizations in Florida,

provides emergency and long-term family-style foster care, family outreach and intervention, transitional housing and support services, adoption and foster care recruitment and support.

Villages of Hope provide independent living residential support and life-skills development for emancipated foster and other homeless youth in a supportive and proactive transitional environment.

Both organizations are located in Palm Beach Gardens.

For more information, visit [www.placeofhope.com](http://www.placeofhope.com) or [www.villagesofhope.net](http://www.villagesofhope.net).

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