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Community News

Place of Hope hosts holiday party at Saks Fifth Avenue

Tennis star Venus Williams and her VStarr Interiors also served as hosts for the reception that collected 90 toys worth more than \$3,000 for foster children.

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Place of Hope and VStarr Interiors hosted a private reception for about 150 guests on Dec. 8 at Saks Fifth Avenue in the Gardens Mall and collected about 90 toys worth more than \$3,000 for Place of Hope's "Hands of Hope" Christmas Toy Drive.

Special guest was tennis champion Venus Williams.

VStarr Interiors, a full service interior design firm Williams launched in 2003, presented a showcase of its designs. Appetizers were provided by Brio Tuscan Grille of Palm Beach Gardens.

Guests brought quality, unwrapped toys for the "Hands of Hope" Toy Drive, which will benefit the foster children of Place of Hope and other local children in the child welfare system this holiday season.

"We are so delighted to partner with Place of Hope and help give back to the children of our community this holiday season," said Meighan Coger of VStarr Interiors. "It was such a unique opportunity for Place of Hope supporters to come out and celebrate the spirit of the season."

Other upcoming events:



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Jupiter residents Cheri Martin, left, and Gordon Martin stand with tennis star Venus Williams at the private reception and toy drive held for Place of Hope supporters at Saks Fifth Avenue on Dec. 8.

Place of Hope and Villages of Hope will hold their Second Annual Hope Ball on Friday, Jan. 18 at Admiral's Cove in Jupiter. Funds raised at the event will help with operating expenses of both organizations. Individual tickets cost \$500 and sponsorship opportunities range from \$2,500 to \$100,000.

At Place of Hope's 2008 Spa, Golf Classic & Charity Auction Dinner, to be held April 28-29 at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club & Spa, supporters plan to raise funds to benefit its families of foster care children, while playing 18 holes on one of Jack Nicklaus' most innovative golf course designs.

Tickets, which include one spa treatment at the luxurious Ritz-Carlton Spa, dinner for two at Sunday night's Charity Auction Dinner and one playing spot in the Golf Classic on Monday, are \$1,500 for an individual or \$6,000 for a foursome.

Sponsorships range from

\$1,000 for a tee sponsorship to \$100,000 to become the presenting sponsor and host.

Place of Hope, located at 9078 Isaiah Lane in Palm Beach Gardens, is a unique faith-based, state-licensed child welfare organization providing family-style emergency and long-term foster care; family outreach and intervention; transitional housing and support services; adoption and foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect throughout our region.

For more information on either Place of Hope or Villages of Hope, please call Charles Bender at 561-775-7195 or visit www.placeofhope.com and www.villagesofhope.net.

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