

Jessica June Gold Party

The Children's Cancer Foundation celebrates 15 years with a golden gala in Fort Lauderdale

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An estimated 500 guests dazzled in their favorite gold attire to benefit the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation at the organization's 15th anniversary event at Revolution Live. More than \$245,000 was raised for local cancer-stricken children and their families during a festive evening that included a silent auction and raffle, dancing, art "that rocks" by Peregó, and a surprise performance by Shannon, the "queen" of freestyle and dance-pop music.

President and CEO Sandra Muvdi welcomed sponsors including The Farris Foundation and 007, Vertical Bridge, Breakthru Beverage, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino and *Lifestyle* magazine. Ana Vento's Events by Vento Designs team won the event's Go Gold Challenge, raising more than \$24,000.

"I am very excited to share that our milestone event raised more than any other event in our history," said Muvdi, who launched the organization in 2004 shortly after she lost her only child to cancer. "The fundraising idea, Go Gold Challenge, was a hit and a highlight for the party. It was gratifying to see so many guests enjoying the occasion and celebrating in gold. I attribute the success of

the event to an army of supporters, and I thank them [all]."



1. MICHAEL AND FRANCESCA RIECHEL-SARUP, SANDRA MUVDI, FIAMMETTA ROMANO, DIANA MUVDI AND RUBEN MINSKI; 2. NICOLE JOHNSON BROWN, ABBY SROUR-LARSON, JAN MILLER AND JULIA SYLVESTER; 3. DR. ZIAD KHATIB, TRACEE SMITH AND ANDREW GEOFFREY; 4. SANDRA MUVDI AND ANA VENTO DURING THE GO GOLD CHALLENGE; 5. MARCELA RENOWITZKY, ALICE LIN, DIANA MUVDI, ANA VENTO, SANDRA MUVDI, MARCELA FERRO AND TIM CAPPUCCILLI; 6. SHANNON, DURING A SURPRISE PERFORMANCE PROVIDED BY SEMINOLE HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO