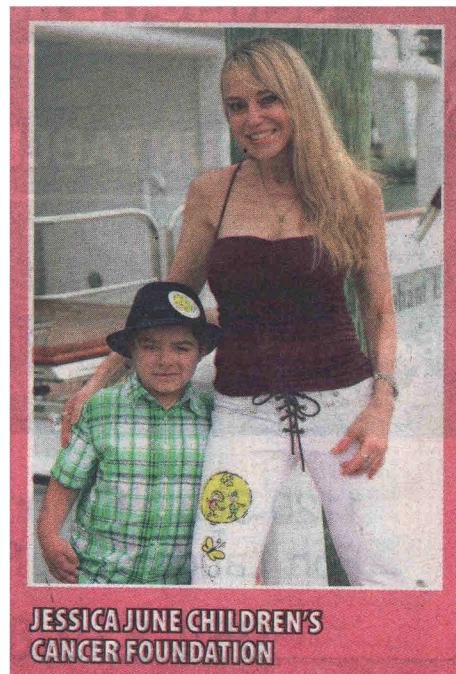


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'Fancy Jeans Party' benefits children fighting cancer

The Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation (JJCCF) will host its fourth annual "Fancy Jeans Party" sponsored by The Wasie Foundation and presented by Premier Beverage on Feb. 24 at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66, Panorama Ballroom located in Fort Lauderdale. Proceeds from the event will benefit children fighting cancer in the tri-county area of South Florida.

Chaired by Jen Klaassens of

The Wasie Foundation, the "Fancy Jeans Party" will feature live interactive entertainment, a "Best Dressed" contest, a raffle for a chance to win a new Ford car, three travel prizes and a silent auction. Special entertainment will include silhouette dancing, stilt walkers and guests painting a giant canvas with performance artists from ART ARMY. Guests are invited to dance the night away with an open bar, and food from East City Grill, The

Capital Grill, Truluck's, Valentino's, Hyatt Regency Pier 66, M Bar and UdderSweets.

Angel Nazario, a 4 year-old boy fighting brain cancer, has been chosen to be this year's Fancy Jeans Child Honoree. Angel's wish is for singer Pitbull to be his idol date at the "Fancy Jeans Party," and has invited him via a YouTube video.

The event is a strong source of fundraising for the Emergency Financial Assistance Program, which directly assists

children fighting cancer and their families.

Since its inception, the "Fancy Jeans Parties" have raised more than \$225,000 to help families meet their everyday basic human necessities like food, shelter and medical treatments.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$65 at the door. VIP tickets are \$100 in advance and \$125 at the door.

Additional sponsors include: Bacardi; Leblon; American

Airlines; Chris Evert Children's Hospital; Miami Children's Hospital; Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital; Landmark Bank; Camillo & Snowden, P.A.; Advocate Home Care Services; Bloom Gettis & Habib, P.A.; GMAIR; Yellow Cab; Dr. Yolanda Cintron D.M.D.; and KP Design & Photography.

JJCCF was created in 2004 shortly after Sandra Muvi lost her child to cancer. The foundation has assisted more than 1,400 children and family

members impacted by pediatric cancer through the Emergency Financial Assistance program.

The foundation serves patients from all seven pediatric oncology hospitals in South Florida and is headquartered at Broward General Medical Center.

For more information, visit www.JJCCF.org or call 954-744-6535. ■

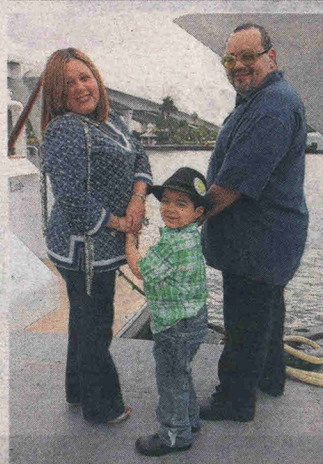


Angel Nazario, 4, left, David Claffy and Katie Leibick



Anna Vento, left, and Jen Klaassens

Photos by Kara Starzyk



At right: Yanixa Nazario, left, Angel Nazario and Jorge Nazario



Above: Valerie Alzamendi, left, and Magali Salazar