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CORPORATE EVENTS

Fancy Jeans earns \$160,000-plus for the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation

Florida Panthers Ice Dancers, stilt walkers, silhouette dancers and interactive painting with performance artists from

Art Army

brought

pizzazz to Fancy

Jeans, a

party at



Pier 66 benefitting the Soeldner-Danger Jessica

June Children's Cancer Foundation.

Denim was obviously the fashionable fabric of the evening, and a "Best Dressed" contest was part of the fun. Guests shook their shoes to music from DJ Javier Cabal, and Stanley, the Florida Panthers mascot, drew all kinds of attention with his moves on the dance floor. In addition, a raffle tempted partygoers with a brandnew Ford Focus Titanium Edition, vacation packages to Puerto Rico and Orlando, and a Canadian Rockies adventure.

Each year, the event pays tribute to a child fighting cancer, and this year's honoree was 4-yearold Angel Nazario. His father was laid off from his job, and although his mother returned to work after giving birth to a premature baby, the family of 10 has been unable to make ends meet.

Steve Ziff; event chair Jen Klaassens of the Wasie Foundation; Sandra Muvdi, founder of the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation; and Phillip and Ellie Biber.





Nick Rojo, Lindsey Muller, Blair Adams and Sunny Leritweb at Fancy Jeans.

JJCCF's financial assistance program has helped by paying for rent, as well as electrical and water bills. One highlight of the evening was a video of Angel, who is battling brain cancer, when he met his idol, rapper Armando "Pitbull" Pérez.

Jen Klaassens chaired the party, sponsored by the Wasie Foundation and presented by Premier Beverage. The event earned more than \$160,000 for the JJCCF fund that helps families dealing with childhood cancer meet basic needs like food, shelter and medical treatments.

Sandra Muvdi founded the organization in 2004, shortly after losing her only child to cancer.



Mark Cappaso, Keith Hathaway and Robert Saporiti, all of Premier Beverage, at Fancy Jeans, a benefit for the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation.

Sandra Muvdi. Armando "Pitbull" Pérez and Angel Nazario at Fancy Jeans.

