

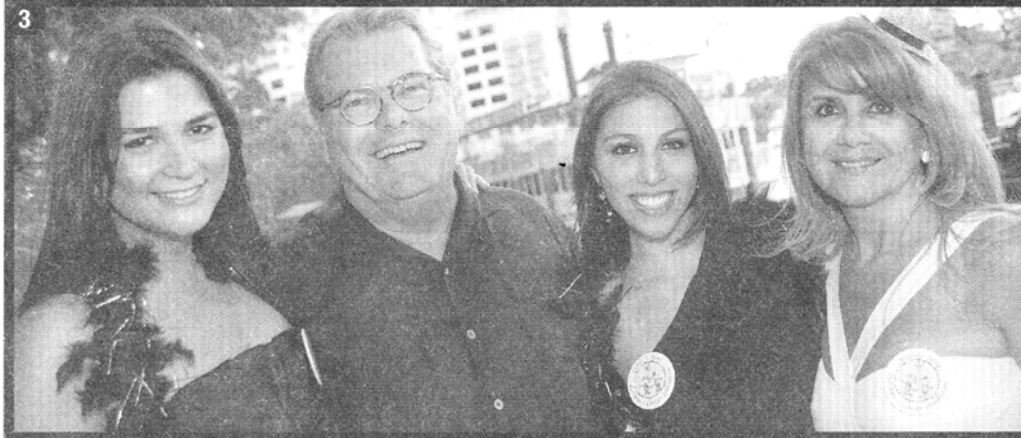
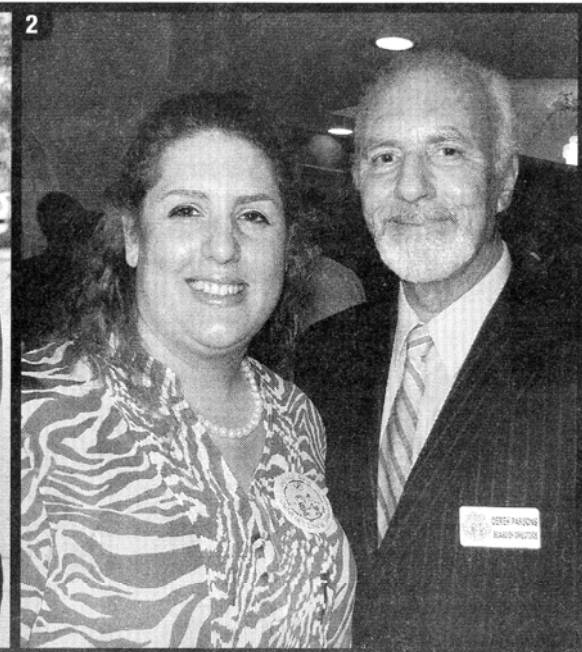
South Florida *Social*

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Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation honors 3 special kids and those who support families fighting cancer

FORT LAUDERDALE: A Hummer stretch limousine arrived at the Wasie Villa, off Las Olas Boulevard, carrying the guests of honor for the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation's "STAR" event.

1 Apryl Padilla with his dad Johnny Padilla. Barbara Padilla with son Angel. **2** Jackie Rodriguez, left; and Derek Parsons, owner of Windsor Diamonds and a staunch supporter of JJCCF. **3** Fiammetta Romano, left; Gregg Sjoquist, Valerie Alzamendi and Mercedes Raffo. **4** Sandra Muvdi, left; Angel Padilla and Jen Klaassens. **5** Mary Helen Olejnik, left; Nick Scalzo; Mark Budwig and Margarethe Sorensen.





Applause, noisemakers, floating bubbles and more greeted the children and their families as they made their entrance.

The JJCCF STAR event also recognizes those who help the non-profit organization provide temporary financial assistance for needy children fighting cancer in South Florida.

“The STAR event brought together a diverse group of genuine, loving and caring individuals,” said Sandra Muvdi, founder/president of JJCCF. “It was a memorable night for all who were there.

Honored children were Lourain Cahow, 7, who has leukemia; Apryl Padilla, 3, who is fighting brain cancer; and Elijah Barrios, 11, who is battling both eye and

bone cancer.

Volunteers presented Sandra Muvdi with a special recognition portrait, which will hang permanently at The Wasie Villa.

Jen Klaassens, vice president of programs for The Wasie Foundation, announced that the \$70,000 she raised as a “Woman of the Year” nominee for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, would be named in honor of Jessica June, Muvdi’s daughter, who lost her battle with a rare form of leukemia in 2003.

More than \$20,000 was raised at the STAR event through a silent auction and sponsorships.

For information about JJCCF, go to www.JJCCF.org.