



**the sundari foundation, inc. & martin z. margulies family foundation's third annual contemporary art auction and dinner held saturday 11.03.07**

On November 3rd, the Sundari Foundation and Martin Z. Margulies Family Foundation co-hosted a record breaking Third Annual Art Auction and Dinner benefiting the Lotus House Women's Shelter and other initiatives of the Sundari Foundation.

Over 400 guests gathered for the annual fall fundraiser of the Lotus House Women's Shelter, sipping on champagne and sharing the company of good friends as they dined amidst the exciting new fall sculpture exhibition at the Margulies Art Warehouse in Wynwood.

Featuring live and silent auctions of contemporary art donated by internationally recognized artists from Miami and around the world, the evening's festivities raised over 1 Million Dollars. Christie's illustrious auctioneers, Amy Cappellazzo and George McNeely from New York, conducted the record breaking live auction of major artworks. Miami's art collectors (with bidders from New York and elsewhere) responded with excitement, stepping up to show their support for this very worth cause, making the Lotus House event one of the premier contemporary art and philanthropic events in Miami this year.



The evening concluded with the announcement of a \$5 Million endowment fundraising campaign to ensure the financial stability of the Lotus House now and for generations of women to come. The first pledge to the new endowment fund was made by Martin Margulies in the amount of \$500,000.



Christie's Vivian Pfeiffer and her Miami team were lead sponsors for the evening's festivities and joined by AXA Art Insurance Corporation, Podhurst Orseck, PA, B. and Donald Carlin, Martin Margulies, and a long list of Miami's leaders in the arts, finance, business, and philanthropy. Hosts and supporters included Adrienne Arsh and Total Bank, Elaine Berkowitz, Evelyn and Bruce Greer, Manuel Gonzalez and Jose Iraola, David and Renee Lieberman, Beth and Jay Lotspeich, Christine and Marty Taplin, Diane Walder, and many others.

Lotus House is a unique women's resource center and shelter, providing wrap-around support services and access to a wide range of resources for homeless women and infants. Lotus House is a place where the minds, bodies and spirits of women most in need are nurtured and supported to empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self sufficiency, and transition to permanent homes off the streets.

Lotus House is funded principally through the generosity of private donations, family foundations, and corporate giving, in addition to the Homeless Trust. Most recent grants include the Sol Taplin Family Foundation, Bank Atlantic Foundation and South Florida Health Foundation. Lotus House is operated by The Sundari Foundation, Inc., a non-profit, 501c3 public charity. For information on how you can help the Lotus House, contribute to the endowment, or become a sponsor for next year's event, please contact the Foundation's President, Constance Collins.



Jaesyn Mixon and Khrys Kelly, Lotus House Program Coordinator



Jerry and Brenda Bengis, Honorary Board Bill and Jessica Biondi



Dahlia Morgan, Katherine Hinds, and Martin Margulies



Ilona and Chad Oppenheim, Honorary Board



George McNeely and Amy Cappellazzo, Christie's auctioneers



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