

ST. JUDE PALM BEACH COCKTAIL PARTY REACHED FOR THE STARS



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital kicked off spring in South Florida for the 14th Annual *St. Jude Palm Beach Cocktail Party, "Reach for the Stars,"* presented by and in memory of **Robert Thomas Butler**. Hosted at The Colony Hotel, the spring soiree included a reception with delectable cuisine, cocktails and special St. Jude moments.

The Chairs for the event were **Stephen and Erin Hawthornthwaite** and the Honorary Chair was **Ashley Miller**. The event benefited the lifesaving mission of St. Jude, "Finding cures. Saving Children."

"Collectively, our community is committed to advancing many missions, but with your demonstrated support and presence, we celebrate the active role you play in advancing St. Jude's mission," said event Co-Chair, Erin Hawthornthwaite. "We fund the research that will save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children stricken with cancer and other life-threatening diseases throughout the nation and around the globe. We would like to recognize our event co-founder and former ALSAC / St. Jude Board Member, **Thomas Quick** whose foundation, passion, and commitment to St. Jude over the years has shaped our fundraising efforts, specifically here in Palm Beach, but truly around the globe."

During the event, guests heard from local St. Jude patient **Slater**, and his entire family, about the 10 year old's life-changing experience at St. Jude. The evening concluded with a call to the heart "Give to Live" where guests were able to make charitable contributions to St. Jude.

The distinguished Host Committee included **Maura Ziska Christu and Eric Christu, Alison and Will Pappas, Stephanie and William Eady, Emilia and Brian Pfeifler, Mary Frances Garrett, Mary and MacGregor Read, Jessica and Dana Koch, Alexia and Baird Ryan, Gloria and Michael Masterson, Kiki and Drew Shilling, Deborah and Bruce Miller, Elena Marie Siems, Rhonda and Gene Milner, Vanessa Rooks-Stefanski and Marc Stefanski, Nievera Williams Design and Leslie and Spence Whitman.**

The event's sponsors included Presenting Sponsor in memory of **Robert Thomas Butler**. Gold Benefactors included **Nancy DiGiulio, Erin and Stephen Hawthornthwaite and Mary Frances Garrett**. Silver Benefactors included **Trillion Inc. and The Fortin Foundation of Florida**. Bronze Benefactors included **Maura Ziska Christu and Eric Christu, Alison and Will Pappas, Stephanie and William Eady, Courtney Parmenter and Juan Rionda, Mary Frances Garrett, Emilia and Brian Pfeifler, Hive Collective, Mary and MacGregor Read, Jessica and Dana Koch, Alexia and Baird Ryan, Gloria and Michael Masterson, Kiki and Drew Shilling, Deborah and Bruce Miller, Elena Marie Siems, Rhonda and Gene Milner, Vanessa Rooks-Stefanski and Marc Stefanski, Nievera Williams Design and Leslie and Spence Whitman.**

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FIRST ROW: Erin and Stephen Hawthornthwaite; Sawyer, Shari Anne, Shane, and Slater Bushman;

SECOND ROW: Tom Abraham and Thomas Quick;

Alexia Ryan and Ashley Miller; **THIRD ROW:** Oliver Green and William Eady;

Nancy Digiulio and Jane Hsieh; **FOURTH ROW:** Jill Schecter with Trish and Lizzy Davies; Spence and Leslie Whitman. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

