



Carola Pimentel and Lucy Morillo-Agnetti deliver a gift to a patient at Miami Children's Hospital during the holiday toy drive.

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## high heels & big hearts

THIS MONTH, THE MIAMI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ROLLS OUT ITS FIRST-EVER WINE, WOMEN & SHOES FUNDRAISER, INJECTING NEW LIFE AND NEW GENERATIONS INTO ITS SIGNATURE EVENTS. BY CHRISTINE BORGES

For 50-plus years, the Miami Children's Hospital Auxiliary has supported Miami Children's Hospital, holding monthly luncheons and five annual signature events. These events have brought in millions for the hospital, and serve as an opportunity for daughters, mothers, and grandmothers to bond over children's charitable causes. This year, with the help of some friends, Miami Children's Hospital Foundation CEO and president Lucy Morillo-Agnetti (an attorney who now works full-time for the hospital) is poised to revamp the roster of events, adding February 8's Wine, Women & Shoes, an afternoon soirée that

lives up to its name. We sat down with Morillo-Agnetti, cochairs Carola Pimentel (owner of Assure Interiors) and Criselda Breene (a former real estate executive and mother of three), and honorary chair Shannon Hori (a CBS4 evening news anchor) to discuss the rewards of motherhood and the future of the foundation.

### OCEAN DRIVE: What does the foundation do for the Miami Children's Hospital?

**LUCY MORILLO-AGNETTI:** It funds the world-class care provided at Miami Children's—our guiding principle is to ensure that all kids,

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Wine, Women & Shoes cochairs Carola Pimentel and Criselda Breene, Miami Children's Hospital Foundation president and CEO Lucy Morillo-Agnetti, and honorary chair Shannon Hori

## SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY



Pimentel, Hori, and Morillo-Agnetti at Miami Children's Hospital during last year's holiday toy drive



Morillo-Agnetti and Pimentel visit a patient.



Pimentel delivers a holiday gift to a patient.

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regardless of ability to pay, geographical location, rarity of disease, or complications, have access to the world-class care.

**SHANNON HORI:** Miami Children's Hospital and the foundation have been so impactful to my family, and they've provided [my son, who was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect called TAPVR] with a number of therapies. The doctors there have seen both of my kids, in the middle of the night—I've taken them there at one o'clock in the morning! Really, you can't get that kind of treatment for our kids anywhere else.

**CAROLA PIMENTEL:** It's amazing, because it's there for those who need it. It's like an insurance policy. When [Lucy] called me [to chair], I didn't hesitate—I've always become involved with any charity that is for kids, never chairing an event, but I've always been helping somehow.

**This fundraiser theme sounds like it marries some guilty pleasures. Tell us about it.**

**CRISELDA BREENE:** The whole Wine, Women & Shoes event [is] going to be comprised of a fashion show, a Christian Louboutin trunk show, a fashion marketplace—and wine, of course. All those different aspects give us an avenue to sell something, and allow people the opportunity to donate their time, energy, and money.

**LMA:** What are the two things that women love, other than their children? This event allows us to

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**—Lucy Morillo-Agnetti**

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**SH:** Women are really the ones now who spearhead events, and they're the ones who get involved. This is the first time we're going to put on this event in South Florida, and I think it's going to be one of the signature events of the year throughout the entire area.

**How did the theme come up?**

**LMA:** Wine, Women & Shoes is a national brand, and we, this year, own the ability to use that brand; no other not-for-profit organization can use it. So we

have it from Palm Beach County all the way to Miami-Dade.

**SH:** [It was begun by] a woman who has a winery. She branched out and offers it to various charities. I knew some people who had taken part in Wine, Women & Shoes, and they said, "It's so much fun, do you have it in Miami?" We learned about it, and we said we must bring it here.

**How has the team here helped?**

**LMA:** These ladies have brought not only all of this beautiful energy—and they do it from the heart because we are all mothers and it is very special to us—but they are also bringing their Rolodexes and their iPhone contacts with all these fabulous women who have a common thread of helping children and shopping.

**SH:** Don't we all love shopping?

**LMA:** Especially if you do it for a cause. It's wonderful.

**CB:** We're trying to combine something you see in a trunk show. We're going to bring that into the luncheon—an energy that's hip and fun. I think that everyone can enjoy a great fashion show or an accessories show, and the shoes will be handed out on platters. We have these shoe guys, which is also going to be enticing for a lot of women.

**SH:** What is their title?

**CB:** Shoe guys! They'll be hot men. Hopefully, none of our husbands will want to go to this event. We'll have good-looking guys walking around with shoes on silver platters!

**LMA:** There will [also] be a fashion marketplace, and

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Morillo-Agnetti and Pitbull (CENTER) join cancer patients during his Get Well Soon Tour visit to Miami Children's Hospital last July.



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we'll have an exchange of donated items ranging from jewelry to trips to handbags.

**What other elements are you excited about?**

**CP:** Another very interesting thing about the silent auction is the little vintage corner that we want to bring in, which is something new and different.

**CB:** There's a different mind-set to the event this year, but we're going to try to produce something that will make everyone happy.

**Why do this?**

**LMA:** We are in this community, and we are all involved. It's in our best interest to make sure that everything is successful, whether it's in the arts, education, museums, anything. The world is shrinking, and we need to at least extend our reach as much as we can to help if we have the resources and the time to do it. It's worth doing. There is such a list of organizations, and it makes such a big impact. How could you not? **OD**

## THE DETAILS

**What:** Miami Children's Hospital Foundation's Inaugural Wine, Women & Shoes luncheon

**When:** February 8 at 11 AM

**Where:** Coral Gables Country Club, 997 N. Greenway Dr., Miami

**Tickets:** General seats are \$200, general tables \$2,000, and runway tables \$3,000. Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$35,000.

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# Charity Register

## THIS MONTH'S MOST NOTABLE PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS BY JONATHAN BORGE

### FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

**Cause:** Research and education for the conservation of tropical plants

**Event chairs:** Swanee DiMare, Frances Aldrich Sevilla-Sacasa



**Event:** Paradise Found Gala in the Garden 2012, Saturday February 4 at 6:30 PM, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden; fairchildgarden.org

### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

**Cause:** Health resources to prevent cancer, save lives, and promote the search for a cure

**Event chairs:** Remedios Diaz-Oliver, Dorothy St. Jean, Brenda Nestor Castellano, James Murphy, Lillian S. Machado, Sonia Gibson

**Event:** Fifth anniversary of the Inner Circle of Twelve luncheon and fashion show, Friday February 10 at 11 AM, InterContinental Miami; cancer.org

### CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

**Cause:** Helping people with cystic fibrosis battle the disease through research and care

**Event chairs:** Alan and Anne Gerwig

**Event:** Wellington's Finest—A Breath of Fresh Air Affair, Saturday February 11 at 7:30 PM, The Lodge at the International Polo Club Palm Beach;cff.org

### DIABETES RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

**Cause:** Fundraising to find a cure for diabetes

**Event chairs:** Linda and Barry Gibb, Sandra Levy, Sonja Zuckerman

**Event:** 38th annual Love and Hope Ball, Saturday February 18 at 6 PM, The Westin Diplomat Resort & Spa; diabetesresearch.org

### MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM

**Cause:** Advancing science and technology through exhibitions, educational programs, a historic planetarium, and rehabilitative wildlife center



**Event chairs:** Nicole and Edgar M. Lozano

**Event:** The 10th annual Galaxy Gala, Saturday February 18 at 6:30 PM, JW Marriott Marquis Miami; Big Bang event at 10 PM, Hotel Beaux Arts Miami; miamisci.org

### NEW WORLD SYMPHONY

**Cause:** Developing young, talented musicians for successful careers in orchestras and ensembles across the globe

**Host committee members:** Sarah Arison, Louis Aguirre, Matthew and Jennifer Buttrick, Adam and Chanin Carlin, Chad and Ilona Oppenheim, Clara Sredni, Mitchell and Elizabeth Taylor

**Event:** New World Symphony Gala, Friday February 24 at 6:30 PM, New World Center; nws.edu

### JESSICA JUNE CHILDREN'S CANCER FOUNDATION

**Cause:** Financial assistance and advocacy for children with cancer across South Florida



**Chair:** Jen Klaassens  
**Event:** Fourth annual Fancy Jeans Party, Friday February 24 at 7 PM, Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty-Six; jjccf.org

### THE SOCIETY OF THE FOUR ARTS

**Cause:** Serving the Palm Beach community with fine-art and cultural programs

**Event chairs:** Mary Baker, Sara Groff, Binkie Orthwein

**Event:** Studio 54 The Four Arts Contemporaries Gala, Friday February 24 at 7 PM, The Society of the Four Arts; fourarts.org

### MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, NORTH MIAMI

**Cause:** Showcasing the newest trends in contemporary art while hosting lectures, concerts, film screenings, and other art-related events

**Event chairs:** Irma and Norman Braman, Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz

**Event:** 15th anniversary celebration, Saturday February 25 at 7 PM, Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami; mocanomi.org