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## JAFCO's 30th Anniversary Gala raises more than \$800,000

Recently, JAFCO's 30th Anniversary Gala, held at the Polo Club of Boca Raton raised more than \$800,000 for abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities.

WPLG Local 10's Senior Political Reporter Michael Putney served as the Master of Ceremony for the 22nd annual event with over 300 guests in attendance. The Gala was chaired by Maggie & Stewart Greenberg and made possible by corporate presenting sponsor Keith Singer of Singer Wealth. This elegant black-tie event featured a cocktail reception, fine dining, silent and live auctions, dancing, and a heartwarming presentation about JAFCO's life-saving work.

"We are so grateful to celebrate 30 years of JAFCO's life-changing work

in our community, made possible only by the love and support of our JAFCO family," said Janet Epstein, JAFCO's Philanthropy-Director. "Our esteemed honorees are true leaders in our community and are committed to making our world a safer place for abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities. We express our heartfelt gratitude for their support and generosity."

During the awards Gala, JAFCO presented the prestigious 2022 Jacob's Ladder Award for Child Advocacy to Becky & Laurence Herrup and Carole & Mel Kantor for their commitment to protect abused and neglected children in our community.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Sandra & Paul Gold-

ner. Mr. Goldner knew the key to opening the door to his personal success and the success of his children would be through education. He wanted the same opportunities for the children of JAFCO who have suffered with so much trauma and hardships in their lives. With the creation of the MENSCH Endowment, the Goldners have empowered JAFCO to hire an Educational Coordinator to plan for and monitor the educational progress and success of the children and help them apply for college and help move them into their dorms.

JAFCO is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization established in 1992 to provide services to abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities in South Florida.



Larry and Becky Herrup, Karen Evans Putney and Michael Putney at JAFCO's 30th Anniversary Gala. **DARRYL NOBLES**