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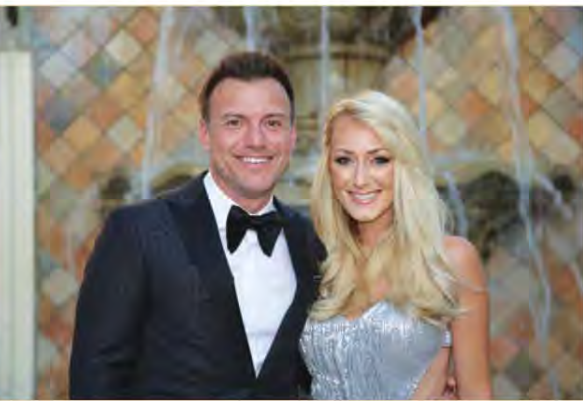


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Anthony and Lindsay Geisler

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Photos by Toni Lattimore and Lisa Renee

Miracles for Kids raised a record breaking \$1.8 million at its signature Annual Night of Miracles Gala where 100% of the funds raised during the evening will go toward their mission to improve the lives of critically-ill children and their families in need.

The theme this year was "Rock the Miracle" and was presented by Xponential Fitness where they welcomed over 500 of Southern California's most influential business leaders and philanthropists at the beautiful Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point.

This year's gala stage featured Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter and actress, Michelle Williams. Known worldwide as an active philanthropist and supporter of children's causes, she took the "Rock the Miracle" theme to heart by inspiring guests with a powerful musical performance directed by Adam Blackstone and Omar Ewdards, whose credits include composing and touring for artists such as Jay-Z, Beyonce, Khalid, J-Lo and Justin Timberlake.

Williams' moving opening rendition of "This is Me" backed by a 20-person choir set the tone of the evening, which shined a light on the difficult journey Miracles for Kids' families face while fighting for their child's life – including homelessness, hunger and related issues. Miracles for Kids takes on these challenges and provides meaningful solutions that create financial and emotional stability for the children and families served.

Anthony Lindsey and Geisler and the team at Xponential Fitness were this year's presenting sponsor. The Geislers are long-time friends and supporters of Miracles for Kids, and energized the whole room by raising their paddle THREE times during the lively Fund-a-Family portion of the evening for a total of donation of \$250,000!

The special evening was also made possible by an impressive list of lead sponsors which included Martin Katz Jewelers, whose exquisite designs have been the Featured Opportunity Item for over five years. This year's item, a topaz and diamond bracelet trio valued at \$27,000, was won by Sho Fusco. NOLET'S Spirits USA also returned for their 14th year as the exclusive spirit sponsor of the evening with a hosted a bar featuring NOLET'S Silver Dry Gin and Ketel One Family Made Vodka.

New to the lead sponsorship lineup was McLaren Newport Beach; the on-display \$300,000+ red 720S Spider was a photo highlight of the evening, contributing to the excitement of their donated McLaren LA Weekend Getaway in the Live Auction; and La Adelita Tequila, which hosted a tequila bar and signature cocktail for guests.

Each year, Miracles for Kids also recognizes an outstanding supporter whose passion and dedication has made a significant impact in the lives of Miracles for Kids' families. The 2019 Miracle Maker Honoree was Tim Smith, founder & Principal of The Smith Group – Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. For nearly a decade, Smith has dedicated his personal and professional time, energy, and resources to serve Miracles for Kids' children and families. Smith continues to grow in his support of the organization and is a vital piece of the Miracles for Kids family.

Josh Harper of Waves of Impact was named the Inaugural Champion of Children Honoree for his for his ability to bring smiles to the faces of children at Miracles for Kids year after year. As a longtime volunteer and friend of the organization, Harper has helped build the Miracles for Kids Surf & Paddle Summer Camps into the expansive wellness programs they are today – a time when children and families can enjoy a day at the beach filled with joy, laughter, confidence building and healing - away from the doctors and hospitals.

Guests this year did give back in unprecedented numbers. In addition to the Geislers' exciting \$250,000 gift, David Heil, Miracles for Kids Board Member and David-August Founder, CEO, & Creative Director, and his table gifted \$100,000. The exciting live auction broke records with the sale of two 8-week-old Bernadoodle puppies for a total of \$28,000, VIP 2020 Masters Tournament Experiences for \$50,000, a Marvel Black Widow VIP Film Premiere Experience for \$11,000 and three custom David August clothing packages for a total of \$30,000.

Miracles for Kids is one of the only organizations on the West Coast providing monthly financial assistance, subsidized housing, mental health services and wellness activities to families with a critically-ill child. The services help to create stability from the financial and emotional devastation of fighting for their child's life. Founded in 2002, Miracles for Kids has a main office in Tustin, CA and a subsidized housing complex, Miracle Manor, in Orange, CA. To learn more about how Miracles for Kids has joined forces with parents and loved ones, visit www.miraclesforkids.org.



Zoe Hunter with Tom Swanecamp and Anaya Green



Josh Harper and Jayme Harper



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