



1/ Laura Collins, Arian Maher, Johanna Felix and Lili Daftarian 2/ Silent auction items 3/ Dylan Serrano and Amy Serrano performed. 4/ Guests were encouraged to sponsor patients through the Miracles for Kids Giving Circle. 5/ Gina Vertucci, Darlene Quinn, Isabella Vertucci and Gina Nalamlieng 6/ Michelle Valles, Tara Lipinski, Autumn Strier, Gretchen Rossi and Crystal Egger



## ON THE SCENE

# Full Bloom

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**THE PARTY** Awash in spring hues, nearly 300 well-heeled guests gathered at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel for **360° Miracle's fifth annual Miracles in Bloom Spring Tea**. Hosted by Miracles for Kids, the daytime affair brought in over \$200,000 for critically ill children and their families. **THE PEOPLE** Miracles for Kids co-founder and CEO **Autumn Strier** was joined by NBCLA news anchor **Michelle Valles**, Emmy Award-winning meteorologist **Crystal Egger** and Olympic Gold Medalist **Tara**

**Lipinski**—the event's keynote speaker—for the flower-festooned fete. **THE PINNACLE** After a garden Champagne reception, attendees listened to speaker **Meranda Varela** as she shared how Miracles for Kids had supported her younger brother **Mark** as he battled a brain tumor. "We are overwhelmed by the compassion and generosity that filled the room at this year's tea," shared Strier. "Every dollar raised brings hope and stability to families facing the unimaginable." *BY ALLISON MITCHELL*