



Fostering Success raises \$630,000 at 25th anniversary gala to support foster children

NAPLES, Fla. (April 1, 2024) – Fostering Success raised a record-breaking \$630,000 at its 25th anniversary gala to support valuable, life-changing programs for foster children throughout Southwest Florida. Themed “A Splash of Silver,” over 300 guests enjoyed an elegant and inspiring evening at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón, celebrating the journey of the organization and the children they serve.

Hunter Roser, a former foster child who as an adult has now become an advisory board member and a mentor in Fostering Success’ Thriving After Care program, shared his personal story with guests. “Through my role as both a foster kid and a mentor, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the profound impact this organization has on the lives of young people,” said Roser. “Fostering Success isn’t just another nonprofit; it’s a lifeline for foster children – a lifeline that I wish could reach every corner of our society. It bridges the gap between the harsh realities of the system and the everyday family life that is essential for a child’s growth and well-being.”

Special performances by Dance Arts by Maria provided heartwarming entertainment. An exciting live auction featured a chic silver vespa, a wine-and-dine package for 16 guests at Rebecca’s in Naples and unforgettable vacation experiences to stunning destinations including Sicily, Tuscany and France.

“We are sincerely grateful to the guests, board and committee members, and sponsors and underwriters who collectively supported this momentous event and helped celebrate our journey over the past 25 years,” said Elaine Rubin Moorin, Board Chair of Fostering Success. “The generous contributions will allow us to continue offering life-changing educational and enrichment opportunities to the most vulnerable members of our community to ensure they have the chance to reach their full potential.”

The 25th Anniversary Gala, co-chaired by Nancy and Rebecca Maddox and honorary chairs Doug and Nancy Campbell, was supported by presenting sponsor Jay Moorin and Elaine Rubin Moorin. Additional sponsors included Carol and Lou Volpe, Children’s Network of Southwest Florida, Home-Tech, Barron Collier Companies, Bon Vivant Journeys, Jim and Faye Derham, The Players Club & Spa, Three60 Wine, The Woodruff Institute, Life in Naples and Naples Illustrated, as well as several anonymous sponsors. Underwriters included Dance Arts by Maria, Maxwell Mortgage, Doug VanOort, PMS Inc. of Naples, and Kathy VanOort.

Formerly known as Friends of Foster Children, Fostering Success has been supporting children in the foster care system throughout Collier, Hendry and Glades Counties since 1999 and now serves over 750 children annually. Fostering Success provides educational and enrichment opportunities that empower foster children to fulfill their potential. The organization’s life-transforming programs are designed to ensure some of the most vulnerable children in the community receive the support they need, without interrupting their educational, social and emotional development, and have the opportunity to lead meaningful and productive lives. Programs include kindergarten preparation, tutoring provided by academic mentors, emergency supply kits, project enrichment activities, scholarships, as well as classes and assistance for those transitioning out of foster care. For additional information, visit www.fosteringsuccess.net or call 239-262-1808.

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Entertainment for the evening was provided by Dance Arts by Maria, a long-time supporter of Fostering Success.



Presenting sponsors Elaine and Jay Moorin with Bill and Colleen Nicholson.



Guest speaker and Fostering Success advisory board member and mentor Hunter Roser and Hannah Reynolds.



Emcee Nicole Gabe from WINK News, Rocco and Dollie Costa and auctioneer Rick Gallo.



Event co-chairs Rebecca and Nancy Maddox.



Greg Economos and Brad Jamison enjoy the live auction.