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VOICES FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION AND HARRY WINSTON, INC., SERVE AS HOSTS TO 2016 'BE A VOICE, CREATE A LEGACY' GALA

450 philanthropists, celebrities, politicians and other community leaders gathered to raise funds for abused, abandoned and neglected local children

MIAMI – Jan. 21, 2016 – [Voices For Children Foundation](#), a Miami not-for-profit organization advocating for children in foster care, and Presenting Sponsor Harry Winston, Inc., the international fine jeweler and watchmaker, served as hosts to approximately 450 of Miami's most influential and philanthropic individuals for the organization's "Be A Voice, Create A Legacy" gala.

The premier annual fundraising event kicked off with a cocktail hour on **Saturday, January 16**, at host sponsor **Mandarin Oriental, Miami** at **500 Brickell Key Drive, Miami, Fla. 33131**. Brittany and Christian Slater served as honorary co-chairs, while radio personality Paul Castronovo of local radio station BIG 105.9's "Paul and Young Ron Show" served as emcee. The evening sparkled as Harry Winston displayed a selection of spectacular diamond pieces for guests to enjoy including the remarkable 111 carat Secret Combination necklace. They also participated in live and silent auctions for luxury goods.

Guests enjoyed a beautiful performance by a former beneficiary of Voices For Children Foundation, Shakyiah Cargill. Cargill performed "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten and also shared her story of determination and perseverance. "This gala was the best night of my life," she said. As a special surprise, Voices For Children contacted Shakyiah's brother, Isaiah Cargill, and flew him from Paris, France, to Miami to attend her performance at the gala.

Voices For Children Foundation raises funds to help ensure that abused, abandoned and neglected children in the Miami-Dade County foster care system each have the resources to meet their legal, health, educational and social needs.

During the gala, the Zyman Family Foundation was honored for providing more than \$400,000 in college scholarships during the past four years through Voices For Children Foundation's "It Takes a Village" program. The program provides foster youth, both dependent and "aged out," with funding and other resources to attend college.

The gala was chaired by Miami power couple and longtime Voices For Children Foundation supporters Jeff and Yolanda Berkowitz, and made possible by Presenting Sponsor Harry Winston; Golden Fan Guardian Sponsor Jeff and Yolanda Berkowitz; and Dynasty Guardian Sponsors Ruby Bacardi; Bilzin Sumberg Baena Price & Axelrod; Cima Group; Greenberg Traurig; John Moriarty & Associates of Florida; Kaufman, Rossin & Co.; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Jay and Susan Shapiro; and Swire Properties. Media sponsors were *Brickell Magazine*, *South Florida Luxury Guide* and *Haute Living*. Roar Media was the public relations sponsor.

To learn more about underwriting opportunities and sponsorships for next year's gala, please call (786) 469-3861 or email TRodriguez@BeAVoice.org.

About Voices For Children Foundation

Voices For Children Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that raises funds to help ensure that abused, abandoned, and neglected children in Miami-Dade County each have a court-appointed Guardian ad Litem and that financial assistance and other resources are available for their health, educational, and social needs. Guardians ad Litem are trained, court-appointed adults who serve as their representatives in dependency court proceedings. Currently, there are more than 3,200 children in Miami-Dade County's Foster Care system and 29 percent of children are unrepresented by Guardians ad Litem. For more information, please visit www.BeAVoice.org.

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