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Heart Full of Love Edition



Dear Friends,

Because it's Valentine's Day, I've been thinking a lot about the word "LOVE." The dictionary definitions are "an intense feeling of affection," "a great interest or pleasure in something," and "someone you care deeply about."

All three of these definitions were beautifully actualized a few weeks ago when we hosted the most successful Lady in Red Gala in LIFE's history. Over 500 people gathered at The Breakers for an unprecedented evening of amazing food, dancing, and entertainment, highlighted by marvelous and stirring musical performances from the seven-time Grammy Award-winning couple Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr., and from the six-time Grammy awardee Dionne Warwick and a sidesplitting, hilarious set from Rita Rudner, who has the longest solo comedy act in Las Vegas history!

Interestingly, each of our headliners invoked LOVE in their performances:

Marilyn and Billy, through their songs, including "You Don't Have To Be A Star" and "Your Love," as well as in their stage presence together, it's no wonder they've been married for more than 50 years!

Dionne, also through her timeless tunes, from "I'll Never Love This Way Again" to "Then Came You."

Rita, through her one-liners about her husband and how they keep the spark in their longtime relationship.

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But it was not just the LOVE that they illuminated. Indeed, everyone in the ballroom emanated love....for each other, for the event itself, and, perhaps most importantly, for the charities that benefitted from our collective philanthropy: The "Pups4Patriots" program at American Humane and the Palm Beach County Food Bank's "Lois' Food4Kids" program. In fact, we raised more than \$1.5 million to help disabled veterans across the country and hungry children right here in our own backyard. That is LOVE personified!

More than even this, however, the Lady in Red for me, personally, is all about LOVE – my profound and everlasting affection for the people who help bring the gala to fruition. To be sure, everything that we have achieved this year and over the past 28 years – all the lives we have touched for the better – is because of their empathy, friendship, and commitment.

With this in mind, I want to express my sincere gratitude -- and LOVE – to this year's Chairs, Dr. Robin Ganzert and Marti LaTour; Grand Honorary Chair, Christine Lynn; Honorary Chairs, Gail Worth and Frank Orenstein; Co-Chairs, Holly, and David Dreman, Connie Frankino, Suzi Goldsmith, Patrick, and Milly Park, and Suzie Sayfie; Inspirational Chair, Tova Leidesdorf, and Entertainment Chair Sunny Sessa.

Special thanks and love, also go to Corporate Ambassadors Gianna Bartilson, sales manager, Valentino; Sally Kimball, president, and founder, Ambassador Realty Corp.; Christiane Ouvier, Van Cleef & Arpels; Walter J. Schwenk, AAMS, managing director and investment officer, Wells Fargo Advisors; and Gladys & Sy Ziv Foundation, Ronald S. Kochman, President.

Finally, I must express my deepest appreciation – and eternal love – to all the Board Members of LIFE.

You have been stalwart in your commitment, your generosity, your expertise, and your time. Together, we have achieved so much in fulfilling our mission to give LIFE to those who are disadvantaged, marginalized, or forgotten because of disabilities, socio-economic status, neglect, age, abuse, and other barriers. Now that is what I call true LOVE!

Forever with my Gratitude and Love,

Lois



SAVE THE DATE -- The 29th Annual Lady in Red Gala is on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at The Breakers, Palm Beach. For sponsorships and tickets, please call LIFE at 561.582.8083, email life@life-edu.org, or visit www.life-edu.org.

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