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# JAFCO 30th Anniversary Gala Raises More Than \$800,000

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*The Gala Culminates the Agency's Milestone Anniversary Celebration*



*Larry & Becky Herrup, Karen Evans Putney and Michael Putney*

The **JAFCO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala** was held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Polo Club of Boca Raton and raised more than \$800,000 for abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities.



*Carole & Mel Kantor*

WPLG Local 10's Senior Political Reporter **Michael Putney** served as the Master of Ceremony for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual event with over 300 guests in attendance. The Gala was chaired by Maggie & Stewart Greenberg and made possible by corporate presenting sponsor Keith Singer of Singer Wealth. This elegant black-tie event featured a cocktail reception, fine dining, silent and live auctions, dancing, and a heartwarming presentation about JAFCO's life-saving work.



*Andrew Schwartz, Lily Schwartz and Rachel Schwartz*

“We are so grateful to celebrate 30 years of JAFCO’s life-changing work in our community, made possible only by the love and support of our JAFCO family,” said **Janet Epstein**, JAFCO’s Philanthropy Director. “Our esteemed honorees are true leaders in our community and are committed to making our world a safer place for abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities. We express our heartfelt gratitude for their support and generosity.”

During the awards Gala, JAFCO presented the prestigious 2022 Jacob’s Ladder Award for Child Advocacy to Becky & Laurence Herrup and Carole & Mel Kantor for their commitment to protect abused and neglected children in our community.



*Sam & Suzanne Pollack and Kim & Todd Weicholz*



*Gala Committee Bernice Wenger, Joan Gedansky, Nanci Beyer, Helene Weicholz,  
Gala Co-Chairs Stewart & Maggie Greenberg, Marci Langley, Chris Miller*

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Sandra & Paul Goldner. Mr. Goldner knew the key to opening the door to his personal success and the success of his children would be through education. He wanted the same opportunities for the children of JAFCO who have suffered with so much trauma and hardships in their lives. With the creation of the MENSCH Endowment, the Goldners have empowered JAFCO to hire an Educational Coordinator to plan for and monitor the educational progress and success of the children and help them apply for college and help move them into their dorms.



*Front – Sandra & Paul Goldner; Back – Bob & Helene Hordes, Elissa & Mark Goldner*

JAFCO is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization established in 1992 to provide services to abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities in South Florida.



*Stephanie Bielenberg, Don & Linda Brodie, Frank Bielenberg*

The Boca Raton Observer served as the event's exclusive media sponsor. For more information about the JAFCO 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, please contact JAFCO Philanthropy Director Janet Epstein at 954-315-8696 or email [janet@jafco.org](mailto:janet@jafco.org).

### **About the Jacob's Ladder Award**

The esteemed Jacob's Ladder Award is presented by JAFCO each year to "angels" who dedicate themselves to protecting abused and neglected children and those with developmental disabilities right here in our community. Their commitment to protecting our most vulnerable and precious children is an inspiration to us all.

### **About JAFCO**

JAFCO's mission is to provide care, safety and support to children and their families within the Jewish community and beyond who are impacted by abuse, neglect, trauma, or developmental disabilities...giving every child a place to belong. Visit [www.jafco.org](http://www.jafco.org).