











GOLD FOR LIFE

November 29, 2010 - Palm Island

ope Gainer of Hope International once again kicked off Art Basel Week in Miami Beach with a private charity soiree on Palm Island titled Gold for Life at a spectacular waterfront estate, represented by the Jills® of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate. The gold themed event benefited two children's charities, A Gift for Life, founded by Paula Roldos, and United Aliens Artists Fund, founded by Olga Ortiz Mera. Instead of writing checks as a donation, guests were asked to donate a piece of real gold.

Both emerging and established artists showcased gold-inspired art at the event including Dante's 24k gold Aston Martin sculpture; Piet Van's gold pushcart, which carried a million dollars; gold nudes floating in the pool by Thomas Loewy; Jorge Fernandez's heart of gold statue; Marc Hubert D'Ge's self-portrait of himself as Jesus Christ; gold haute couture by Roberto de Villacis; and latex couture by Carmen Ballering.

Music was provided by DJ Galaxy Girl and a live performance by Saxman, Alto Reed of Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band. Martini & Rossi Prosecco, along with 42 Below Vodka and Fiji Water quenched guests' thirst. On the menu was gourmet food by Passion of Life Gourmet, Kone Miami, and Alta Mare.

Sephora's goody bags included samples of the new Paco Rabanne million dollar fragrances and gold cookies by Couture Confections. VIPs at the event included Princess Sylviane D'Islangel of Tanna, Chrisanne Grimaldo, Regitza Gamble, Victoria London, Lorenzo & Maria Elena Rudolf, David Nesslein, and Tom Morgan, among others. -Sherri Balefsky