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Hope Bash 2015 Welcomes 600+ to Raise Funds for Foster Kids

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Place of Hope welcomed more than 600 guests to its 2015 Hope Bash, which honored local philanthropist and child advocate Elin Nordegren with the inaugural Harris L. Weinstein Hero of Hope award for her dedicated support of children in need.

Along with her close friend, Nicole Henry, Nordegren served as co-chair of the 2013 Hope Bash, "Jeans & Jewels: Palm Beach Nights." An international figure, Nordegren agreed to volunteer and co-chair after being introduced to Place of Hope through Henry.

Held February 20, 2015, at PGA National Resort & Spa, Hope Bash is the organization's signature social and fundraising event. Co-chaired by Sue Ende of Palm Beach Gardens and Jill Fried of Juno Beach, the event featured a live and silent auction,

dinner and dancing, and a special donation of artwork for auction from Chisolm Art Studio/Gallery of West Palm Beach.

"Angels of Hope" was selected as the theme this year to recognize all of the people who gave their time and energy to support Place of Hope's mission. The campus in Palm Beach Gardens is a close-knit neighborhood of foster families, which serves as Place of Hope's regional headquarters. Additionally, Place of Hope helps youth who age out of foster care transition into adulthood through its Villages of Hope and Extended Foster Care programs. Young mothers and pregnant young women find support and learn skills for successful adulthood at Joann's Cottage on the Villages of Hope campus.

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Proceeds from the gala fundraiser benefit the programs and operations of Place of Hope, named one of "11 Top-Rated Charities That Changed The World in 2014" by The Huffington Post. With campuses in Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach and Boca Raton and new offices in Hobe Sound, Place of Hope is a faith-based, state-licensed child welfare organization that provides family-style foster care (emergency and long-term); family outreach and intervention; maternity care; safety for domestic minor sexually trafficked victims; transitional housing and support services; foster care recruitment and support; hope and healing opportunities for children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

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