



Randy Macpherson and Charles Bender III



Brenda & Mickey Nocera



Jackie Rea, Derek Bell and Maggie Burke



Jim & Helen Pande



Heather Safrit and Tim Goering

Buckle Up

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Place of Hope and Palm Beach International Raceway celebrated the track's 50th anniversary with a car-studded evening to benefit Place of Hope's faith-based child welfare programs. Beneath an ominous but forgiving November sky, professional racecar drivers took passengers on a true thrill ride; pipes roared and necks stiffened as the drivers punched their accelerators, hurtling their ride-alongs against the back of their seats. Following the driving experience, the appropriately named "Cars Under the Stars" event continued with a live rock concert accompanied by a splendid buffet.

Presenting sponsors, Lamborghini Palm Beach and Lexus Palm Beach, were joined by Chalet sponsor Italian Rose. Along with the Palm Beach Driving Club, celebrity drivers who donated their time, cars and fuel included: Derek Bell, Guy Cosmo, Shane Lewis and Brian Redman.

Charles Bender III, Place of Hope's executive director, said, "Tonight is a perfect example of an evening anybody can enjoy, do something really cool and help out our community's neediest kids."