



## "A Starry Night" Gala to benefit Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services

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On April 13, 2013, I attended the "A Starry Night" Gala presented by City National Bank to benefit the Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services. Miami Bridge is a place of caring and sharing which offers troubled youth and families hope and opportunities for a brighter future.

The event was held on the rooftop terrace of the JW Marriott Marquis in Downtown Miami. It was a spectacular fundraiser

which included a number of prominent community activists and civic leaders. The funds raised will bolster the outreach of Miami Bridge and will continue to provide critical services to youth in great need, many of whom are homeless or runaways.

I was humbled and honored to have been presented with a plaque in recognition of my support for the shelter located in Homestead. Since my introduction to the shelter, I have supported the organization and have assisted in identifying community partners that could provide funding and resources. With the help of Lennar Homes and Aressco Creative Security Solutions, we have provided \$7,000 worth of security cameras to address the safety of youth housed at the shelter. As a strong advocate and supporter, I am fully committed of the services the Miami Bridge provides. An organization as



Left to Right: Donna Bateman, Austin Bateman, State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle and Mayor Steven C. Bateman  
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committed, dedicated, and proven in the community as the Miami Bridge is worthy of our support.



Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, Alicia Murphy, Michael Murphy, Mayor Bateman, Donna Bateman and David Efron  
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Miami Bridge offers many intervention services to assist families with troubled children ages 10-17 and who are at-risk, chronic runaways, truants, neglected, and abused. This organization specifically focuses on providing services to victims of crime, including physical child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual abuse.

For more information on how you can help, please visit <http://www.miamibridge.org/how-you-can-help.html> or call 305-636-3510

**What your contribution buys:**

- \$25** provides three hot meals per day for five children for three days.
- \$50** buys three months of asthma medication.
- \$100** purchases new linen for three children.
- \$250** buys 20 pairs of shoes.
- \$500** enables 30 children to attend recreational activities for 20 days.

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