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Charity Poker Tournament Raises Over \$550K

DELRAY BEACH, FL (December 10, 2014)— Over 150 business leaders and corporate execs from all over South Florida and beyond came together December 3rd in the renowned Cathedral Room at the Boca Raton Resort & Club for the second *Havana Nights*. This high-stakes poker tournament raised over \$550,000 for the Achievement Centers for Children & Families and seven other Palm Beach County nonprofit partners.

Presented by Kolter | Kast Construction, the Cuban themed evening featured a cocktail reception, professional poker tournament, gourmet dinner stations, flowing drinks and the much enjoyed indieSWIM fashion show with hair and makeup by Naked Hair Salon – all in the name of charity.

Some lofty players left the game with nothing more than slightly bruised egos but were still in good spirits knowing they truly made a difference in the lives of children and families throughout our community. Either by skill or luck, the top ten players made it to the final championship table. The competition heightened and five players were left. As the rounds continued a generous decision was made to split the winnings; four of the five winners taking home \$2,000 and donating a generous \$10,000 back to charity.

“The level of sponsor support for this year’s event completely exceeded our hopes. Collectively, from small business owners to large corporations, the impact the sponsors have made in our area is significant,” stated Abigail Goodwin, Executive Director of the Achievement Centers Foundation, “The vision for this event truly comes from the leadership at Kolter|Kast Construction. Their commitment to making a difference in the community is evident not only by underwriting the entire event, but through the efforts they and their teams put into raising sponsorship funds.”

This premiere event was made possible with the commitment of more than 80 companies in South Florida that went all-in, particularly the top sponsors including Kolter | Kast Construction, Gunster Law Firm, MT Scapes and Regions Bank.

ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT CENTERS: The Achievement Centers for Children & Families is a community based social services organization that provides a safe nurturing environment for children facing the highest risk of poverty, abuse, abandonment or neglect. The Center’s mission is to ensure school readiness, provide skill building opportunities, promote academic achievement and support healthy lifestyles. Their award-winning services and nationally accredited programs serve over 800 children and 500 adults. Services include toddler, preschool, afterschool, teen and family programs. For more information visit www.AchievementCentersFL.org.

BENEFITING CHARITIES: Achievement Centers for Children & Families, Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Hummanity, Hospice by the Sea Foundation & Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation, Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, Place of Hope, Quantum House and Renewal Coalition.