



# The Stuart News

SCRIPPS TREASURE COAST NEWSPAPERS

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## STARS WERE OUT



Diana Werdebaugh and Rachel Comer



Sponsor Medallist Bldg. Group's Temple White, Sindi Pender, Jessica LeMaster and Jill Brotherton



Donators of the Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club Venue Suzanne Dawd and Amie Tetrault with POH Director of Advancement Lisa McDulin

## Place of Hope Treasure Coast, Sea of Hope Angel Moms Luncheon

By MARYANN KETCHAM  
For Luminaries

The Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club's scenic waterfront setting provided the perfect measure of tranquility for the inaugural Sea of Hope Angel Mom's Luncheon.

Angel Moms, launched by Place of Hope, are foster children advocates working to bring community awareness about opportunities to support foster children.

The sold-out event attracted many newcomers with whom to share their message!

"In Palm Beach, Place of Hope is a household word," said Founding Executive Director Charles Bender. "We've been on the Treasure Coast for about a year now serving Martin, St. Lucie, Okcechobee and soon Vero Beach. There's a huge need for foster parents with about 100 kids a month entering the system. Our goal is to keep them in their own familiar community, they have enough disruption in their lives."

Special guests and adoptive parents of a foster child, Jennifer and Brian Burrage, shared their experience with the crowd.

"Our daughter didn't know what love was, she was abused. Place of Hope helps sustain children in their darkest hour and teaches them how to become part of a family," said Brian. "If we don't help meet the needs of these children, who is going to?"

The Burrage's daughter had her sim-



From the Office of MaryLynn Magar, Chelsey Lucas and Ann Balduc



Adoptive Parents Jennifer & Brian Burrage

ple needs fulfilled by her adoptive family — security, safety, love and hope!

To help, consider fostering, donating or becoming an Angel Mom. Please visit [PlaceOfHope.com](http://PlaceOfHope.com)



Christine DelVecchio, Liz Estes, Sandi Hirshkorn, Danielle Borzillo and Associate Executive Director Shannon Anderson



Board Member Dr. Leighan Rinker with Donna Roby and Debbie Foster



Sponsor Sue Whittington, Ginny Luther, Dawn Connolly and Janice Norman



Sherry Plymale and Legislative Aide to Gayle Harrell, Karen Sweeney



Event Co-Chairs Cristy Brown and Caye Johnson



Sponsor State Farm Insurance Tonya Lowe and Licensing Specialist Jenni O'Neal