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Eva La Rue, Lil Spitzer, Dave and Holly Wilson.

Beckstrand Ball Raises \$1.1 Million for Cancer Patients



Eva La Rue and Lil Spitzer.



Jan Salta, Eva La Rue and Mike Salta.

The Balboa Bay Club and Resort was the setting for the Havana-themed Beckstrand Cancer Foundation's 7th annual Diamond and Pearl Ball, which raised \$1.1 million in support of the nonprofit's mission of improving and enhancing quality of life for cancer patients and their families.

The gala honored three-time cancer survivor and former All-Pro NFL center Rich Saul, and gave a special memorial tribute to Monika Baker, who died from melanoma in 2009. The fundraiser hosted a sold-out crowd of 415 guests.

The evening featured authentic Cuban music and entertainment by Combo Libertad and Tropicana nightclub cabaret dancers, a cigar lounge and casino after-party.

The Foundation's auxiliary groups – Four Pearls, Junior Pearls and Mini Pearls – were represented during the evening by

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Honoree Rich Saul and George O'Connell.

17-year-old Alexandra Spitzer, founder of Junior Pearls, and Lauren Micke, founder of Four Pearls, who together introduced the launch of the Foundation's newest endeavor: The Andi Collins Memorial Scholarship Program.

Heartfelt speeches were given by Saul, as well as Eva La Rue and Gala Chair Renetta Caya.

To learn more about Beckstrand Cancer Foundation visit www.beckstrand.org.