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YMCA OF GREATER MIAMI CASINO NIGHT '009 GOES BOND... JAMES BOND!

MIAMI – Monday, May 11, 2009 – The **YMCA of Greater Miami** created all that is Bond... James Bond, for its **3rd Annual YMCA Casino Night** this past **Saturday, May 9th at 8:00 pm** at **THE COLLECTION**, South Florida's foremost luxury automotive dealership.

Honorary Chairs Frank Haith, UM Basketball Head Coach and Miguel Diaz de la Portilla along with event Co-chairs Jim and Samantha Dorsy invited guests to don their Bond gear and Bond Girl garb for a chance to win a Bond briefcase filled with prizes fit for a Top Agent. The night featured a Silent Auction packed with exciting items, "dinner by the bite" courtesy of RA Sushi and cocktails courtesy of GREY GOOSE Vodka.

As guests arrived, they received complimentary cigars from Sabor Havana Cigars and went on to have their commemorative picture taken by JC Productions while they posed in their best Bond looks. Following was Cocktail Hour with Silent Auction, Mayors Treasure Chest and YMCA Raffle in the Porsche showroom. Honorary Chairs Frank and Miguel were presented with a token of appreciation for their generosity and support by Julie Goldman, South Dade Chairperson. Immediately after, guests were welcomed into the Ferrari showroom where the Casino tables awaited them to try their luck at poker, craps, roulette, and black jack. The evening wasn't over yet! The grand finale was had at the after-party, hosted by Grey Goose Vodka and Mamajuana Café, in the Aston Martin showroom where Casino and Poker Winners were announced. Poker prizes included a 7-Day Royal Caribbean Cruise courtesy of Royal Caribbean, a Jaguar XF Weekend Loan from THE COLLECTION and a Birks Airmaster Collection Watch from Mayors.

The men wore their best "Bond look" and dressed to the nines in tuxedos while the ladies dressed to impress in beautiful gowns and stiletto heels. Celebrity judges, Will Manso (WPLG, Channel 10), Daisy Olivera (writer) and Mayda Cisneros (fashion designer) chose David Brown as the best "Bond look alike" for Daniel Craig in the latest Bond movie, "*Quantum of Solace*" and Jesse Brown as the best "Bond-Girl look alike" for Barbara Bach in the 1977 movie "*The Spy Who Loved Me*". An elite group of celebrity players like Kelly Craig (NBC 6), Diana Gonzalez (NBC 6), Cynthia Demos (CBS 4), Will Manso (WPLG 10), Willard Shepard (NBC 6), Marybel Rodriguez (CBS 4), Eliott Rodriguez (CBS 4), Lissette Gonzalez (CBS 4), Mariana Rodriguez (Telemundo), Jorge Moreno (Latin Grammy Winner) and *Mega Estrella* winner Sophia Del Carmen joined guests in a night full of fun and excitement with fortune and big stakes!

All proceeds from this signature event benefit the **YMCA Strong Kids Campaign** scholarship fund for aquatics, sports and summer programs at the South Dade and Homestead Family Branches.

A warm THANK YOU to all the sponsors that made YMCA Casino Night '009 possible: THE COLLECTION, Ra Sushi, Grey Goose Vodka, Art & Betty Heggen, Coconut Grove Bank, Fiji Water, US Century Bank, Mayors, JC Productions, Sabor Havana Cigars, Fast Signs, Mamajuana Café, Real Sangria and Marques de Riscal wines.

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About the YMCA of Greater Miami:

Founded in 1916, the YMCA of Greater of Miami is one of South Florida's oldest and largest not-for-profit organizations. With branches throughout Miami-Dade and upper Monroe County, the Y is committed to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. Its scope of services includes youth sports, aquatics, after-school, preschool and child care, summer camp, teen clubs, health and fitness programs, and membership. For more information about the YMCA of Greater Miami, call toll free 1-877-WOW-YMCA.

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