



Dear Tropical Nights Supporter,

This year is truly an exciting year for us! Not only will we host our 20th Annual Tropical Nights, we will also be celebrating CARD's 30th Anniversary! So much has been accomplished during this time by the leadership and staff at CARD. We are thrilled to extend you an invitation to join us at a unique edition of Tropical Nights on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the InterContinental Miami Hotel as we honor our CARD family for three decades of service and transformational impact on our South Florida autism community.

This will be the 20th year of our annual Tropical Nights Gala. True to purpose, our night of festivities will help raise the funding required to continue providing services and support at no cost to more than 16,000 families in South Florida. Currently, 1 in 36 children are being diagnosed with autism. The funds raised through Tropical Nights allow us to continue to expand our services to meet the ever-growing needs of our community.

This year we will be honoring our friends and longtime CARD Champions Blake and Jennifer Sando as our honorees at Tropical Nights. They are an extraordinary family in so many ways and are considered by all of us at CARD to be one of our foundational families, always leading the way, supporting our community, and inspiring meaningful change.

As event Chairs, we are thrilled at the opportunity to host you at Tropical Nights in this milestone year.

The Fernandez Family stands at the beginning of a transformative journey, where the touch of autism has shaped our lives in profound ways. Through our eyes, you'll witness the hope, resilience, and challenges that come with embracing this path. Our commitment is fueled by a heartfelt desire to offer solace and understanding to those walking a similar road.

The Chavarria Family has a 10-year association with CARD. As constituents and parents of an adult individual on the autism spectrum, our lifelong purpose is focused on supporting the effort to increase awareness and acceptance of people and families affected by autism.

We look forward to your support and participation in this memorable edition of Tropical Nights!

Sincerely,

Chendo Chavarria and Lorena Valentini

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Tropical Nights' 2024 Co-Chairs

Juan and Natalie Fernandez

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For more information about Tropical Nights please visit us at www.miami.edu/tropicalnights.

THE **CARD** **IMPACT**

Center for Autism & Related Disabilities
University of Miami
Nova Southeastern University

OUR MISSION IS TO OPTIMIZE THE POTENTIAL OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES.

1 IN 36



AUTISM PREVALENCE

as of January 1, 2024 CARD has **16,801** registered clients

CARD is one of seven regional centers of excellence offering an array of services and programs for people with autism and related disabilities of all ages across South Florida. These supports are available at **no cost** to the entire family and the professionals who work with them.



EARLY IDENTIFICATION

Promoting early identification and facilitating access to early intervention.



EDUCATION

Enhancing school outcomes by providing training and programmatic assistance to public, private and charter schools.



EMPLOYMENT

Growing Florida's workforce through pre-employment training and strategic employment initiatives.



SAFETY

Providing critical autism safety trainings to first responders.



AUTISM FRIENDLY

Creating autism friendly places and spaces throughout our community.

30 YEARS OF UNRIVALED EXCELLENCE

www.card.miami.edu



Sponsorship Opportunities



Benefiting the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities ~ Saturday, April 27, 2024

Company/Individual Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____

Please note, sponsorships may not be paid through donor advised funds.

Orchid Sponsor

- Presenting Sponsor
- Corporate logo on website, step & repeat, slideshow
- Corporate logo and scheduled mentions on social media with brief description of business
- Sponsor recognition on event welcome signage

\$25,000 (Non-deductible amount \$2,500.00)

- Recognition in media promotions and press releases related to event
- Premium Page recognition in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing on the Sponsor Page in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing as Orchid Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 10 GUEST TICKETS

Gardenia Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, step & repeat, slideshow and social media
- Sponsor recognition on welcome signage at event
- Recognition in media promotions and press releases related to event
- Full Page recognition in the Evening Program Journal

\$10,000 (Non-deductible amount \$2,250.00)

- Listing on the Sponsor Page in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing as Gardenia Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 10 GUEST TICKETS

Hibiscus Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, slideshow and social media
- Half Page recognition in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing on the Sponsor Page in the Evening Program Journal

\$6,500 (Non-deductible amount \$1,700.00)

- Listing as Hibiscus Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 8 GUEST TICKETS

Begonia Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, slideshow and social media
- Half Page recognition in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing on the Sponsor Page in the Evening Program Journal

\$4,000 (Non-deductible amount \$1,400.00)

- Listing as Begonia Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 6 GUEST TICKETS

Jasmine Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, slideshow and social media
- Listing on the Sponsor Page in the Evening Program Journal

\$2,500 (Non-deductible amount \$600.00)

- Listing as Jasmine Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 4 GUEST TICKETS

Individual Ticket

\$500 (Non-deductible amount \$150.00)

Angel of Paradise Sponsor I would like to be contacted about this sponsorship opportunity. These specially curated sponsorships at one of the standard sponsor levels above are for sponsors who prefer to donate their seats to CARD clients and families rather than attend the event themselves.

For our Peer to Peer Fundraising page visit: <https://p2p.onecause.com/TN2024>

Invitation Deadline is February 16, 2024. Program Journal Deadline is Friday, April 1, 2024.

*University review and prior approval of logo and recognition may be required.

Please make checks payable to University of Miami CARD/Tropical Nights and mail to:
University of Miami CARD/Tropical Nights 5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 2nd Floor • Coral Gables, FL 33146

You can also complete the form and email it to: card@miami.edu. For event information, please call 305-284-5269 or email card@miami.edu. For more details visit www.miami.edu/tropicalnights.

Total \$ _____ Discover _____ Amex _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ Check _____

Is this a Corporate Card: YES ☐ NO ☐

Are you a new sponsor? YES ☐ NO ☐

Cardholder or Corporation Name: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____



Branding Opportunities

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Company/Individual Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____

Please note, sponsorships may not be paid through donor advised funds. All Branding Sponsorships include 2 tickets to attend the event and will be recognized through event promotions and the event program and event slideshow. Full details for sponsorship opportunities on following page.

Tropical Toasts: Sip in Style Wall

\$5,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Choose a champagne glass or fedora hat installation to showcase your brand with a visually striking focal point at the event. Beyond adding a touch of sophistication, the wall also functions as a convenient way to distribute beverages and creates an eye-catching display and creating a strong brand presence.

Tropicool Fedora Fever

\$5,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Embrace the heat in exotic style with Fedoras. Make a tropical fashion statement and showcase your brand with this sponsorship. Your logo will adorn each stylish fedora distributed to event attendees. These fashionable accessories serve as walking billboards for your brand, as attendees proudly wear them throughout the event.

Tropical Breeze: Hand Fans with Exotic Flair

\$4,250 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Elevate your brand's visibility and keep attendees cool and comfortable with the Branded Hand Fan Sponsorship. As the sponsor, your logo will grace each hand fan, becoming an accessory for event participants. This functional item will create a lasting impression of your brand.

Island Vibes Registration Lounge

\$4,250 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Unforgettable First Impressions. As the sponsor of our registration area, you'll be the first point of contact for every attendee. Set the tone for their entire event experience with a warm, tropical welcome. Your brand's logo will take center stage at the registration table, ensuring that every guest associates the tropical flavors with your name.

Entertainment Opportunities

\$3,500 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Choose from our options of Living Red Carpet Extravaganza, Island Ambassador Greeters, Tropical Rhythms Unleashed, Sky-High Spectacle: Stilt Walker Opportunity, Champagne Skirt Greeters, or Serenade in Paradise. Your brand's name & logo will take center stage associating your name with the event's lively and inviting ambiance.

Island Glamour Photo Booths

\$3,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Elevate your brand presence and engage event attendees through our exclusive Photo Booth Sponsorship. Your brand logo will be prominently displayed on pictures, ensuring high visibility and exposure. In addition all photos can be automatically shared on social media giving your company further exposure.

Tropical Swag Bags (Does not include Tickets to Tropical Nights)

I would like to donate items for Tropical Nights gift bags for attendees that feature my brand logo prominently displayed on them ensuring high visibility and exposure. My logo will also be featured through event promotions and our official program and the event's powerpoint slideshow showcasing your commitment to enhancing the event experience.

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Total \$ _____ Discover _____ Amex _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ Check _____

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Cardholder or Corporation Name: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

Tropical Toasts: Sip in Style Wall



This sponsorship opportunity enhances the ambiance of the event by creating a captivating setting. Choose from a fedora hat wall or a champagne flute wall installation that is innovative and visually striking, consisting of a meticulously arranged wall that forms an impressive focal point, catching the eye of every guest. Beyond adding a touch of sophistication, the wall also functions as a convenient way to distribute beverages. By associating your brand with refined taste and attention to detail, this installation creates a strong brand presence. Moreover, the wall generates an additional photo opportunity, ensuring your brand is prominently featured in all event photos as well as those shared by guests on their social media platforms. Your sponsorship will be recognized through event promotions and the event program and event slideshow.

Tropicool Fedora Fever



Make a tropical fashion statement and showcase your brand with our Branded Fedora Hat Sponsorship Opportunity. Your logo will adorn each stylish fedora hat distributed to event attendees. These fashionable accessories serve as walking billboards for your brand, as attendees proudly wear them throughout the event. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged through event promotions, and in the event program and powerpoint sponsor loop presentation.

Tropical Breeze: Hand Fans with Exotic Flair



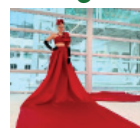
Elevate your brand's visibility and keep attendees cool and comfortable with the Branded Hand Fan Sponsorship Opportunity. As the sponsor, your logo will grace each hand fan, becoming an accessory for event participants. This functional item will create a lasting impression of your brand. Your sponsorship will be recognized in the event promotions and event program and sponsor powerpoint presentation.

Island Vibes Registration Lounge



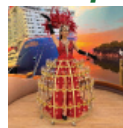
Unforgettable First Impressions. As the sponsor of our registration area, you'll be the first point of contact for every attendee. Set the tone for their entire event experience with a warm, tropical welcome. Your brand's logo will take center stage at the registration table, ensuring that every guest associates the tropical flavors with your name. Guests will capture moments through photos and share them on social media. Enjoy well-deserved recognition through event promotions and our official program as well as the sponsor loop on our event power point.

Living Red Carpet Extravaganza



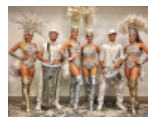
Position your brand in the spotlight and offer attendees a glamorous experience with our Living Red Carpet Sponsorship. By sponsoring the living red carpet, your brand will be front and center as guests are welcomed in style. Guests' interactions that will generate buzz and excitement, with their photos and social media posts further showcasing your sponsorship. Gain recognition through event promotions and our official program and the event powerpoint sponsor loop presentation, underscoring your commitment to delivering a remarkable experience.

Champagne Skirt Greeters



Elevate your brand's presence and create a memorable entrance with our Champagne Skirt Greeters Sponsorship. These elegantly dressed greeters will circulate through the crowd, offering champagne in a unique and visually captivating manner. Guests' interactions with the champagne skirt greeters will be captured through photos and shared on social media, extending your brand's reach beyond the event. Gain recognition through event promotions and our official program and the event's powerpoint sponsor presentation, showcasing your commitment to enhancing the event experience.

Island Ambassador Greeters



Make a splash with our Tropical Greeter Entertainment Sponsorship, a golden opportunity to set the tone for an unforgettable event. Our vibrant and engaging greeters, dressed in captivating tropical attire, will charm attendees as they arrive, creating a warm and exciting atmosphere. Your brand's name and logo will take center stage during this enchanting interaction, associating your name with the event's lively and inviting ambiance. Enjoy well-deserved recognition through event promotions and the official program and sponsor powerpoint presentation, demonstrating your commitment to providing a memorable experience.

Tropical Rhythms Unleashed



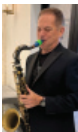
Enhance the event's excitement and captivate the audience with our Choreography Dancer Sponsorship. As a sponsor, you'll play a vital role in bringing dynamic and engaging dance performances to the event. Choose the Choreography Dancer Sponsorship to infuse the event with creativity and movement while showcasing your brand as a supporter of artistic expression and engaging entertainment. Gain recognition through event promotions and our official program and the event's powerpoint sponsor loop presentation, showcasing your commitment to enhancing the event experience.

Sky-High Spectacle: Stilt Walker Opportunity



Be a key contributor to the event's excitement by sponsoring our Stilt Walker Entertainer. The stilt walker's graceful and eye-catching performance will enhance the event's atmosphere and create lasting memories for all. Receive well-deserved recognition through event promotions and the official program and the sponsor loop powerpoint presentation, showcasing your commitment to delivering an exceptional experience. Choose the Stilt Walker Entertainer Sponsorship to elevate your brand's impact in an unforgettable way.

Serenade in Paradise



Our talented saxophone player will fill the air with lively notes, creating an atmosphere of sophistication and enjoyment. Your brand's name and logo will be prominently featured during these musical interludes, ensuring strong visibility and association with the event's entertainment. Gain recognition through event promotions and our official program as well as your logo being showcased in our event sponsor loop powerpoint presentation showcasing your commitment to enhancing the event's atmosphere.

Island Glamour Photo Booths



Elevate your brand presence and engage event attendees through our exclusive Photo Booth Sponsorship. Choose from a Vintage Photo Booth, a 360 Camera or a Roaming Camera for this this dynamic opportunity which allows you to connect with guests in a fun and memorable way. As the Photo Booth sponsor, your brand logo will be prominently displayed on all the pictures, ensuring high visibility and exposure. Every snapshot taken will associate your company with fun experiences, and your sponsorship will be acknowledged through event promotions, event program and as part of the event's powerpoint sponsor loop presentation. In addition all photos can be automatically shared on social media channels giving your company further exposure.



Program Journal

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With a contribution to CARD, we will feature your business or personal message to our honoree or to CARD in the Program Journal.

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| _____ Premium Crossover (2 Page Spread, 8.5"H x 11" W, Portrait with .125" bleed all around)** | \$1,500 |
| _____ Crossover (2 Page Spread, 8.5"H x 11" W, Portrait with .125" bleed all around)** | \$1,250 |
| _____ Premium Page (8.5"H x 5.5" W, Portrait with .125" bleed all around)** | \$1,000 |
| _____ Full Page (8.5"H x 5.5" W, Portrait with .125" bleed all around) | \$750 |
| _____ Half Page (5.5" x 4.25" landscape with .125" bleed all around) | \$500 |

**Limited spaces available

Company/Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Program Journal Deadline is April 1, 2024.

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Please send artwork
to mke@miami.edu
or include message here:

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Auction

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Company/Individual Name: _____

Owner Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Item Description: _____

Restrictions (if any): _____

Fair Market Value: _____ Expiration (one year from event date): _____

If gift \$5,000+, Donor is filing IRS Form 8283: Yes / No
If "Yes", attach Form 8283 for University signature.

Donor was informed of IRS 8282 policy: Yes / No
If no, donor must so acknowledge in writing.

***If gift is over \$5,000, it must be approved by the University before acceptance.**

Procurement/Delivery Instructions: (please check one)

Donation will be: Picked up _____ Mailed _____ Delivered _____

Date: _____ Donor Signature _____

Program Journal Deadline is April 1, 2024.

To ensure inclusion in the Program Journal this form must be received by April 1, 2024
along with your gift certificate and/or instructions for obtaining item to:

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UM-NSU CARD serves over 16,000 families AT NO COST to them.

For Internal Use Only:

Date: _____ Committee Member: _____

Received by: _____ Item #: _____