Saturday
April 27th 2019
7:00pm

Aboard the
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1095 Biscayne Blvd.
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#TropicalNights2019

Our Featured Artist:
LANCE JOSEPH HONDRADE

“Reaching BEYOND”
24” x 18” DIGITAL ART ON CANVAS, 2019

“BEYOND the Spectrum”
24” x 32” DIGITAL ART ON CANVAS, 2019

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Welcome

On behalf of the entire Tropical Nights hosting committee we would like to welcome you to the 17th Annual Tropical Nights, UM-NSU CARD’s signature fundraising event that celebrates the critical work they are doing in the South Florida Community. We are both parents of young adults with autism, and UM-NSU CARD has been there as our guide every step of the way. UM-NSU CARD supports the complex needs of all those individuals with autism and related disabilities in our community, along with their families, schools, and providers. In fact, UM-NSU CARD has supported us personally in many different ways, from helping us understand the diagnosis in the early days, to helping us create enviable lives for our children now that they have moved into adulthood. We are beyond grateful, and hope you will join us as we raise needed funds for this wonderful organization.

We are very proud to honor two inspirational community leaders this year. Craig Leen, Esq., Former City Attorney of Coral Gables and UM-NSU CARD Constituency Board Member, who will receive the Cruz Whitehurst Advocacy Award. We will also honor Dr. Jeffrey Brosco, University of Miami Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Associate Director of the Mailman Center for Child Development, who will receive the UM-NSU CARD Community Leadership Award.

We are also honored to have Lance Hondrade as our featured artist this year. At 16, he is an exceptional and talented young man with an autism spectrum disorder. He considers it an extraordinary adventure to be chosen as the featured artist for this year’s event.

Tonight we celebrate over 12,000 families that are registered with UM-NSU CARD and all of their families and the professionals that help support them. Thanks to the support of our sponsors and donors, our families can receive free support services, information, resources, referrals, and care coordination, among other critical community functions. In addition to this, your support helps create programs like surf camp, summer camp, job employment boot camps, support groups for all family members, trainings for the community and so much more. We are grateful for your belief in what we do and could not provide our families with excellent programming and services without you. Your support ensures the continuous success stories for those individuals and their families that live with an autism spectrum disorder and a related disability.

Tropical Nights illuminates the efforts of a community dedicated to building exceptional resources for extraordinary people. Thank you for helping us make this Tropical Nights the most successful event yet!

Sincerely,

Ysela Heim & Mona Nasser
Tropical Nights 2019 Chairs
Ysela has been supporting UM-NSU CARD for over twelve years. She spent two terms on the Constituency Board and was on the planning committee for the Autumn Moonlight, UM-NSU CARD’s Broward fundraiser. Along with the support she provides UM-NSU CARD, Ysela is an Exceptional Student Educational Consultant and has worked with hundreds of families through the years advocating for her clients. In addition to her advocacy efforts, she also holds trainings throughout the year on Positive Advocacy and runs various support groups for parents. Ysela held a board position for several years for South Florida Autism Charter School. She is in the process of establishing a Foundation that will provide free events for young adults with disabilities to participate in inclusive activities.

Mona is also a long-time supporter of UM-NSU CARD where she has spent two terms on the Constituency Board and served as Chairman. She has also served on the committee for the Autumn Moonlight Cocktail Reception, UM-NSU CARD’s Broward fundraiser and Tropical Nights in Miami-Dade. This is Mona’s second year chairing Tropical Nights. Her support to families has included trainings as well as founding and co-facilitating the Special GALS group for females with ASD and Creative AGE (Advance, Grow, and Excel), a support group for caregivers of adults. Through her most recent effort, Creative Family Support Services, she has created a non-profit organization that continues her personal mission of empowering families by providing coaching and consultation to help individuals with disabilities and their families reach their full potential.
Dear Tropical Nights’ Guests

Dear Friends of CARD and Guests,

Welcome aboard again to the SeaFair Miami Yacht for our Annual Tropical Nights Fundraiser benefitting the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (UM-NSU CARD)! We hope you enjoy the party and that you are able to do your part to help us support UM-NSU CARD!

I am honored to be the current Chair of the UM-NSU CARD Constituency Board. For those of you who may be new to UM-NSU CARD, this is a wonderful and dedicated organization that has grown to serve approximately 12,000 constituents spread across Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties for the past 26 years. These constituents include individuals of all ages and backgrounds with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as well as related disabilities, including sensory impairments and certain developmental delays. UM-NSU CARD provides these individuals with support services and guidance related to their education, job-training, and management of societal challenges that they will inevitably face, and which allow them to function and be better able to reach their full potential in life. UM-NSU CARD has been blessed with dynamic leadership and dedicated staff who have made this critical goal and mission a reality.

Many of you might not realize that as parents, family members and caregivers, you are also one the constituents who UM-NSU CARD serves. Along with my wife Jennifer, my family is also a grateful constituent of UM-NSU CARD as we are the proud parents of three wonderful young and happy children; (Lizzie, age 11, Blake Jr., age 8 and Teddy, age 5), who happen to have autism. As parents, Jennifer and I are fully aware of the emotional, economic, and social struggle that parents and families go through when one of their family members receives a diagnosis of ASD.

UM-NSU CARD makes the challenges of autism less daunting by offering educational seminars, community outings, and much-needed social support groups to parents and caregivers, and through the creation of this wonderful network of UM-NSU CARD families and professionals that you see with us here tonight at Tropical Nights. It is our promise that once you are a registered family at UM-NSU CARD, you will never be alone in your effort to support and care for your child or loved-one with ASD!

This year at Tropical Nights, we are all delighted to honor both Dr. Jeffrey Brosco, University of Miami Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Associate Director of the Mailman Center for Child Development, and Craig Leen, Esq., the former City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables. Both Dr. Brosco and Mr. Leen have been tireless advocates, reformers and leaders in our South Florida community by advancing treatment and support for all persons and families affected by Autism.

Tropical Nights is an opportunity for people who care about UM-NSU CARD and its constituents to give thanks and to show your support! So please, buy a raffle ticket, make a donation, bid on an auction item, and help ensure that the critical goal and mission of UM-NSU CARD receives the much-needed funding that it needs to continue serving our South Florida community.

Sincerely,

Blake Sando
Chairman of the UM-NSU CARD Constituency Board
Tropical Nights

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Four years ago, Lance won his first medal in an art competition for his pencil portrait of Malala. Since then, he was more encouraged to polish his skills in drawing. In the past two years, he has shared his art pieces during the Archdiocese of Miami High School Invitational Art Exhibitions. And as he pursued this interest, he was inducted last year into the National Art Honors Society in Archbishop Coleman Carroll High School where he currently attends as a junior. It is truly fascinating to witness this young man create sketches with his bare hands on an iPad screen because he does not use a stylus. Moreover, Lance has extended his creative skills to public performances as a dancer, as a drumline player and as a self-taught audio mixer. In 2018, he accomplished his 13th dance recital in hip hop through Infinity Dance Studio. He has also received an award as an exemplary member of the ACCHS Drumline.

With a grateful spirit, Lance gives back by participating in volunteer works not only in his school but also in the community. He has been an altar server in his parish in the past four years and a member of Soldiers of Mercy, a dynamic youth group in his church. According to him, being a child of God is his most important identity. He claims that his faith keeps him grounded. He further attributes his every success to the love and perseverance of his parents, family, educators, therapists and counselors. The works of art that he produced for the 2019 UM-NSU CARD Tropical Nights are dedicated to all the individuals who have helped and supported him through the years as he wrestled with a number of challenges.

UM-NSU CARD has a very special place in Lance’s heart because he has been a recipient of the programs instrumental in making a huge difference in many aspects of his life. Dr. Jennifer Durocher, who was the first UM-CARD clinician to evaluate Lance as a preschooler, remains a great friend who cheered on as he made leaps and bounds in arts and academics through the years. He and his family will forever be thankful for the selfless dedication that the leaders and staff of UM-NSU CARD have shared with him and his younger sister Lauren, who was also diagnosed with ASD in her early years.

Lance aspires to become an outstanding animation artist, a sound engineer, or be part of the cybersecurity profession someday. But in the meantime, he hopes to inspire young people like him to discover and fearlessly use their talents because those are gifts that are meant to be shared.
“Reaching BEYOND”
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The art piece “REACHING BEYOND” depicts the artist’s perception of being diagnosed with ASD as comparable to that of being enclosed in a dark seemingly impenetrable bubble which seemed too difficult to break. From that clear rigid confinement, he was able to witness a few “outsiders” trying to reach in. But it was a struggle for him in the beginning to reach out because he felt powerless. Yet despite the absence of his verbal expression, the existence of the growing number of “outsiders” was giving him the message that they want to pull him out. At some unknown point, a very powerful surge of positive energy accumulated by the “outsiders” broke part of the barrier and gave them a chance reached in as he was trying to reach up. That same energy gave him faith and wings to fly and reach what is beyond the barrier.

“BEYOND the Spectrum”
24” x 32” DIGITAL ART ON CANVAS, 2019

“BEYOND the Spectrum” is the continuation of the art work “Reaching BEYOND”. It is a brighter, more colorful and vibrant art piece. It represents the artist’s gradual self-discovery with wings open wide as he gets ready to fly to his future adventures. On the mask is written “Love Yourself” written in Korean characters as inspired by BTS, his favorite music artists. The mask represents his quiet nature and symbolizes that even without words, he can still love himself and others. His left eyes is crossed out because there are things in this world that he chooses not to see. A lot of symbols on the black outfit represents his faith, his passion, his happiness and his bleeding heart for few of the dreams that never came true. Behind him is a white mountain where the unknown tomorrow awaits. The blue sky represents his hope and the yellow color signifies the energy coming from the Higher Being that keeps him going. But he is just there standing in peace and just waiting for the perfect chance to use his wings again in time to explore what else is beyond the spectrum.

"Reaching BEYOND" is the prequel to “BEYOND the Spectrum.” Both pieces are a set and will be part of the Live Auction.

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7:00 pm
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Deck 3
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Food Stations
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8:00 pm
All Aboard

9:00 pm
Deck 4
Award Presentations

Live Auction by
Jay Rokeach,
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Mushroom Wellington - Sautéed Seasoned Cremini Mushroom Deglazed in Madeira Wine Wrapped in Flaky Pastry Dough
Shrimp Butterfly Macadamia - Delicious Butterfly Shrimp (tail on) Crusted with Macadamia Nuts in a Honey Chipotle Mayo
Duck Wonton - Sous Vide Duck with Fresh Vegetables in a Classic Wonton & Spiced Soy Dip
Beef Churrasco - Argentinean Grilled Skirt Steak with Latin Spice and Chimichurri Sauce
Lebanese Chicken - Tagine Spice Chicken Curry & Artichoke
Bruschetta Trio’s - Gourmet Bruschetta Tricolor: Kalamata Olive, Green Olive, Tomato
Brie Caramelized Pear & Almond
Seared Pineapple, Manchego Skewer

Food Stations
Decks 1 and 2

Salads
Arugula, Lola Rosa - Marinated Olives, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Shredded Carrots,
Sweet Corn Roasted Peppers, Papaya Vinaigrette
The Wedge - Baby Iceberg Rosa Artichoke Hearts, Chopped Bacon, Egg, Sunflower Seeds, Almonds,
Feta Cheese, Lemon Oregano Vinaigrette

Dinner Stations - Carving Attendant
Pollo De Cuba - Mojo Marinated Organic Whole Chicken, Roasted with Roasted Pepper Momo Sauce
Petite NY Sirloin - Herb Crusted Petite Sirloin, Roasted with Wild mushroom Ragu and Cabernet Sauce
Southeast Asian Corvina - Lemon Grass Scented Corvina Filet Wrapped in Banana Leaves, Beurre Blanc Sauce

Gourmet Pasta Stations
Wild Mushroom Ravioli - Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Sautéed in Garlic Truffle Oil, Topped with Light Vodka Sauce

Vegetables and Starch
Mediterranean Vegetable Stack - Stacked Grilled Vegetables, Eggplant Zucchini, Yellow Squash
and Sweet Red Peppers
Tri Colored Marble Potatoes - Herbed Mini Potatoes, Oven Roasted

Bread
Artisanal Gourmet Bread - Assorted Breads, Rolls, Butter, Raw Garlic Confit, Aged Balsamic and Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Dessert Stations
Exotic Assortment - Key Lime Tart, Mango Opera, Passion Fruit, Carrot Spice Cake, Vanilla Bean Cheesecake,
Red Berry Opera, Pistachio Cremeux Tart, Coconut Tart

Mini Chocolate Desserts and Truffles provided by The Chocolate Spectrum
Dr. Jeffrey P. Brosco

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Jeffrey P. Brosco M.D., Ph.D., completed an M.D. and a Ph.D. in the history of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as chief resident after training in pediatrics at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital, and he is board-certified in Pediatrics and in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics. He completed his tenure as a Robert Wood Johnson Generalist Faculty Scholar in 2003, and he continues to teach and practice both general pediatrics and developmental pediatrics, with a focus on children with autism and related disorders.

Dr. Brosco’s research includes an analysis of the history of health care for children in early 20th century America, the historical epidemiology of intellectual disability, and the history of newborn screening in the US. With Diane Paul, he is co-author of The PKU Paradox: A Short History of a Genetic Disease (Johns Hopkins Press, 2013). Dr Brosco serves as Chair of the Pediatric Bioethics Committee at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Associate Director of the Mailman Center for Child Development, and Director for Population Health Ethics, UM Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy.

Dr. Brosco also has been active in state and national health policy groups, including the Part C Early Intervention Autism Spectrum Disorders Workgroup (Florida), the Governor’s Task Force on Autism Spectrum Disorders (Florida), the Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (Department of Health and Human Services), and the National Workgroup on Standards for Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs/National Academy for State Health Policy).

In July 2017, Dr. Brosco was appointed Deputy Secretary, Children’s Medical Services, for the Florida Department of Health. In this role, he oversees Florida’s Part C early intervention program (Early Steps), Child Protection Teams, newborn screening follow-up program, poison information centers, and health plan for 60,000 children with special health care needs. Dr. Brosco serves as Florida’s Title V Director for CSHCN.
Mr. Leen is a professorial lecturer in law at The George Washington University Law School, where he teaches Legal Drafting (Litigation). He also has taught various courses as an adjunct professor at FIU College of Law and the University of Miami School of Law.

Mr. Leen is admitted to practice law in Florida, Massachusetts, and New York, and is board certified by The Florida Bar in City, County, and Local Government Law. Mr. Leen is presently serving as a Vice Chair of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, and previously served as a Vice Chair of the Florida Appellate Court Rules Committee. Mr. Leen also serves on the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures (Local Rules Committee) for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Mr. Leen received his Juris Doctorate from Columbia Law School, graduating as a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and having served as a teaching fellow in both Contracts and Torts. Mr. Leen received his Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Georgetown University, where he double majored in Government and Economics.

Mr. Leen lives in Washington, DC, with his wife Dr. Ana Maria Muniz-Leen and their two children, Alexandra and Pierce. They live in Georgetown very close to where they first met in college in 1994.
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Thank you to our friends at UM-NSU-CARD for leading by example and empowering those affected by autism in South Florida with valuable programs and services.

Congratulations to the honorees, Dr. Jeffrey Brosco, recipient of the CARD Community Leadership Award, and Craig Leen, recipient of the Cruz-Whitehurst Advocacy Award. We owe you a debt of gratitude for your countless contributions to our community.
Greenberg Traurig is proud to be a longstanding supporter of the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UM-NSU-CARD).

We are honored to congratulate UM-NSU-CARD and the 2019 Tropical Nights honorees, Dr. Jeffrey Brosco, recipient of the CARD Community Leadership Award, and Craig Leen, recipient of the Cruz-Whitehurst Advocacy Award, for their unwavering commitment to this important cause.

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Dr. Jeffrey Brosco
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With great admiration, Michael Alessandri

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and Craig Leen

Thank you for your inspiring determination and your advocacy efforts to have governments throughout Florida and the United States adopt principles of inclusion, and for your help in making Coral Gables a leader in the area of inclusion. Thank you for encouraging all to live a life where there are no limitations on what you can be, have, or do.

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Former City Attorney
Craig E. Leen
Recipient of the UM-NSU
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Advocacy Award.

Your passion and dedication inspire us all to do more!

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Dearest Alex,

I am so lucky you are my daughter. Your enthusiasm for life is spellbinding; your smile always joyful and genuine. We have so much fun going on family adventures, whether it is running along the National Mall, hiking in a picturesque park, or simply riding on roller coasters (which you love more than anyone I have ever met!). As you just turned thirteen this year (a teenager already!), I have the following wish for you:

That you will be accepted by others for exactly who you are;
That you will be able to interact with the world in all of its wonder and challenges on your terms and be encouraged in doing so;
That you will be able to do your favorite things and have others welcome you in doing them;
That you will never be alone, and will always be loved;
That you will be able to be uniquely you.

Mommy, Pierce, and I are always here for you, rooting for you each day. We are very proud of you, and so blessed to have you in our lives.

Love always,
Daddy

It is our honor to recognize the enormous contribution from Craig Leen to the Autism Awareness and Inclusion in South Florida.

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Dr. Jeffrey Brosco and Craig Leen.
Your commitment to supporting, serving, and advocating
for those with disabilities is truly inspiring.

A heartfelt thank you to the South Florida Autism Community and my
fellow UM-NSU CARD staff for your talent, hard work, passion, and
dedication to individuals and families living with autism.
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$100 - Family & Adult Support Groups
UM-NSU CARD has support groups for all family members. You can help support groups for Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents and some of our adult groups such as Job Club and Social GAIN.

$250 - Community Groups & Surf Camp
Your support helps one child attend our annual Surf Camp or you can support some of our monthly Community Groups such as Teacher’s CHAT, and our Mental Health Pals Groups.

$500 - Language Links & All Abilities Groups
Your support helps our Language Links Group which provides strategies and resources that support language and literacy development. Our All Abilities Groups give participants the opportunity for social interaction with peers.

$1,000 - Job SEEKers & Cost of CARD Conference
Supports one parent, teacher or adult with ASD to attend the annual CARD Conference. Your support can also help Job SEEKers which is 6 weekly sessions with the goal of preparing adults with ASD for the job search process.

$2,500 - Autism Lecture Series
Covers cost of bringing in an internationally recognized autism expert to South Florida to share the latest research findings in the field with our families.

$5,000 - Sponsor the Mobile Family Clinic
Covers maintenance costs for ONE year for our Family Mobile Clinic which goes into the community for resource fairs, meet & greets at schools, helps provide screenings and register families that cannot make it to our CARD offices.

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Dr. Jeffrey P. Brosco
CARD Community Leadership Award

AND

Craig Leen
Cruz-Whitehurst Advocacy Award

For the long term active support they have provided the
South Florida Autism Community.

We proudly support Dr. Michael Alessandri
and the entire CARD Staff
Dear CARD staff, saying good bye is bittersweet.
I cannot thank you enough for all you’ve done through the years. Lucas is who he is through all your love and dedication.
Miss you Lynette and Lucas

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Congratulations to the Tropical Night Honorees
Dr. Jeffrey Brosco and Craig Leen

Goodman JFS and our Joshua’s Path Program, which supports adults with developmental disabilities, is proud to work with UM-NSU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities

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FreshStart(s) Behavioral Therapy is a proud supporter of UM-NSU CARD and would like to congratulate them on another successful Tropical Nights event!

Special congratulations to Dr. Jeffrey Brosco & Craig Leen.

Thank you for all you do for the autism community!

Cheers and best wishes,
The FreshStart(s) Team
WHAT A GREAT ORGANIZATION!

We greatly appreciate your continued support within our community.

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Proud to support UM-NSU CARD Tropical Nights 2019!
To our most wonderful Tropical Nights Chairs

Mona Nasser
&
Ysela Heim

Thank you for being leaders in our community and for guiding our families to reach their goals. Congratulations on a job well done!

With love,
Lori & Seth Wise

Dr. Jeffrey Brosco
&
Craig Leen

Thank you for your contributions and commitment to supporting our community!

With gratitude,
Lori & Seth Wise

Dr. Jeffrey Brosco

2019 CARD Community Leadership Award

Congratulations
Dr. Brosco!

Thank you for your dedication to people with autism.
The NSU CARD Satellite

Craig Leen

2019 Cruz-Whitehurst Advocacy Award

Congratulations, Craig!

Thank you for everything you do for CARD & the autism community.
The NSU CARD Satellite
I know our nephew Thomas, like thousands of others in South Florida, is incredibly lucky to have you and UM-NSU CARD in his life.

Love, Rick, Jodi, Krista, Logan, Erica, James, Daniel, Maxwell and Thomas!

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Thank you UM-NSU CARD for all you have done and continue to do for all our families!
We could not imagine this journey without your ongoing support!

Ysela Heim


Thank you to Dr. Michael Alessandri and for your continuing support of Casa Familia, Inc.
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Our Autism Center provides services for the entire South Florida Community, including educational, therapeutic, and recreational services for individuals on the autism spectrum of all ages, and their families. All activities are implemented with the best practices of B.F. Skinner’s Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and Verbal Behavior (VB).
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We owe a great bit of our success to the efforts of UM-NSU CARD and specifically Dr. Michael Alessandri.

Warmly,
Team Rising Tide
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