

Superheroes assemble to save the holiday for local children

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STUART— Caped, masked and shrouded in mystery, a legion of Superheroes joined forces at Crush Wine Bar on Nov. 13 to save the holiday for hundreds of children they will never meet.

Billed as the “Be Someone’s Superhero” holiday social, the evening kicked off a monthlong drive, spearheaded by attorney Gene Zweben, with a goal of raising enough money to cover the cost of 300 bikes to be given to the children through United Way of Martin County’s White Doves Holiday Project.

The kickoff party at Crush generated about a third of the needed total. Zweben, who led a similar effort last year which generated enough funding for 100 bikes, said that donations were still coming in and can be made through Dec. 17 at the United Way website www.liveunitedmc.org/bike.

Zweben Law Group co-sponsored



Zweben Law Group’s associates and staff: Kristen Bishop, Amy Johnson, Robert Shaffer and Jackie Vicidomine came dressed as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

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the event with Junior League of Martin County. With help from Lisa Holland of Team Holland, Reuben’s Deli of Palm City and Crush were recruited as food and beverage sponsors.

In addition, Beyond Bikes of Stuart will provide the bikes at cost. The 100-plus guests enjoyed Crush’s innovative cocktail menu, sampled an extensive buffet of heavy hors d’oeuvres and danced to a live DJ.

Costumes were encouraged but not required, and ranged from the simple T-shirt with a big red “S” to the sublime and the extreme.

Among the more recognizable guests were Lisa (Batgirl) Holland, Charles (IronMan) Watson, Jenna (Black Widow) Zinzalet, and Jeremiah (Captain America) Barhan.

But one guest who needed no special attire to be recognized for his heroics was former Miami Heat center Mark Blount. United Way of Martin County Board Chair Amy Albury thanked those attending for their support sporting a costume that incorporated the Zweben Law Group towel as a cape.

In a display of true team spirit, Zweben’s associates and staff, attorneys Robert Shaffer and Kristen Bishop, paralegal Amy Johnson and administrative assistant Jackie Vicidomine came dressed as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

“I am so honored to be able to spearhead this project for so many reasons,” Zweben said. “As a child, a bicycle meant freedom, and as an adult it was my greatest joy to be able to teach my own children to ride. I am so thrilled to be able to help share that freedom and joy with members of our community that couldn’t otherwise afford it.”

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.liveunitedmc.org/ Bike.



Jeremiah Barhan, Charles Watson and Jenna Zinzalet