

# BROWARD ALBUM

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## 'The Kid Turns 50' bash raises \$139,000 for the Darrell Gwynn Foundation

**Sergio Núñez Jr.** will be rolling around school in a brand-new, \$17,000 power wheelchair thanks to the Darrell Gwynn Foundation.



**PARTY LINE**  
Jana Soeldner-Danger

When he was just a year old, Núñez, now 13, suffered a stroke that left him unable to walk. The wheelchair, presented to him during the 50th birthday party of former race car driver **Darrell Gwynn**, will allow him to be mobile and more independent.

"The Kid Turns 50" birthday bash at Ferrari Maserati of Fort Lauderdale was a kaleidoscope of color and action, with dancers dressed in race-themed costumes, spontaneous art creation, high-energy music, sushi and kebob buffets, and a fountain dispensing frothy cosmopolitans. Nearly 300 guests turned out for the affair, including several past wheelchair recipients. It raised about \$139,000 for the Darrell Gwynn Foundation.

During his 10-year racing career, Gwynn, who now lives in Weston, won 28 national events and collected numerous awards and tributes. In 1990 he was at his peak, holding the elapsed time record and coming off a second consecutive Gatornationals victory. But everything changed in a split second when he crashed during an Easter Sunday exhibition in England. He was left paralyzed and lost part of his left arm.

He did not, however, allow the misfortune to stop him from making a difference. Today, Gwynn works through his foun-



**Darrell Gwynn with Joey McDonnell at "The Kid Turns 50" party.**



**Curtis Gray and Laura Pequignot at the Darrell Gwynn Foundation benefit.**



**Julie McDonnell and Lisa Gwynn at the Darrell Gwynn Foundation party.**



**Sergio Núñez Jr. of Hollywood in his brand-new wheelchair, a gift presented to him by the Darrell Gwynn Foundation at Gwynn's 50th birthday party.**



**Artist and performer Salvador LIVE creates a spontaneous painting at Darrell Gwynn's 50th birthday party, a benefit for the Darrell Gwynn Foundation, which funds services for individuals with spinal cord injuries.**

dation to support others living with paralysis and prevent spinal cord injuries. The organization provides custom-built wheelchairs to hundreds of individuals through its wheelchair donation program, and maintains a patient assistance fund offering support services and tools at Craig Hospital in Englewood, Colo.

### GO RED SPONSORS, UNDERWRITERS PARTY AT HISTORIC HOME

The home of **Sandy**

and **Drew Romanovitz**, known as the historic Needham Estate, was the setting for an elegant thank-you soiree honoring sponsors, organizers and underwriters of this year's Go Red for Women luncheon. Guests spent part of the evening admiring the 6,500-square-foot estate, which was designed by Fort Lauderdale architect Francis Luis Abreu, who also designed Fort Lauderdale's Riverside Hotel, built in 1925 for John Wesley Needham, a hotel manager in Broward. One of five houses constructed on the New River during the 1920s boom period, the mansion later belonged to Walter Clark, who served as Broward sheriff during the 1930s and '40s and, according to tradition, entertained notables such as Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

The party was a prelude to the "Go Red... Our Hearts, Our Choice" luncheon, a benefit for the American Heart Association, set for this Friday, Sept. 23 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort.

### MHA HONORS LISTENERS

A recent breakfast hosted by Friends of the Mental Health Association of Broward paid tribute to volunteers in the Listen to Children program, which pairs adult mentors one-to-one with elementary students in Broward schools. The "listeners" honored had recently been nominated as Outstanding Mentors by staff at the public schools where they work with kids.

Among those attending was **Bob Stevens**, 90, who recently received the Lifetime Service Mentor of the Year award from Broward County Schools. Others recognized were **Sheldon Voss**, **Cliff Leitch**, **Rick Dunion**, **Kim Gauvin**, **Rella Ringler**, **Mariana Fuks**, **Lindon Alexander**, **Veronique Farnault** and **Rochelle Milrad**.

**Anita Godfrey**, president and CEO of MHA, also thanked **Diane La Corte** and **Dr. Shatha Atiya**, professional advisors for the Listener program,



**Dianne Goldenberg, CEO of Northwest Medical Center and chair of the Go Red for Women luncheon, and Dr. Lanalee Araba Sam at a party for committee members and sponsors.**



**Sandy and Drew Romanovitz hosted the Go Red for Women sponsors party at their Fort Lauderdale home.**



**Sandy Johnson, Vanessa Reynolds, Gabe Imperato and Kim Shapiro at the Go Red for Women party.**



**Sheryl Linn, Robert Bob Stevens, Sandra Booth and Diane La Corte at the Mental Health Association of Broward tribute breakfast.**



**Veronique Farnault, Rochelle Milrad, Helen Leitch and Dr. Shatha Atiya at the MHA tribute breakfast.**



**Kim Gauvin, Rick Dunion and Rella Ringler at the MHA tribute breakfast.**



**Cliff Leitch, Margaret Tischio and Sheldon Voss at the MHA tribute breakfast.**



**Maria Hunt and Melanie Dickenson at the Go Red for Women sponsors party.**

along with LTC office volunteers **Margaret Tischio** and **Sheryl Linn**. **Linn** and **Sandra Booth** served the breakfast, which was held at MHA offices in Lauderdale.

Please send items for *Party Line* to **Jana Soeldner Danger** at 618 North Rainbow Drive, Hollywood, FL 33021 or email her at [janadanger@aol.com](mailto:janadanger@aol.com).



**David and Theresa Kresge with Brian Einstein at the Go Red for Women reception.**

## Celebrations

### BIRTHDAY BRIONES

Baby, I love you!  
Happy birthday!  
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