

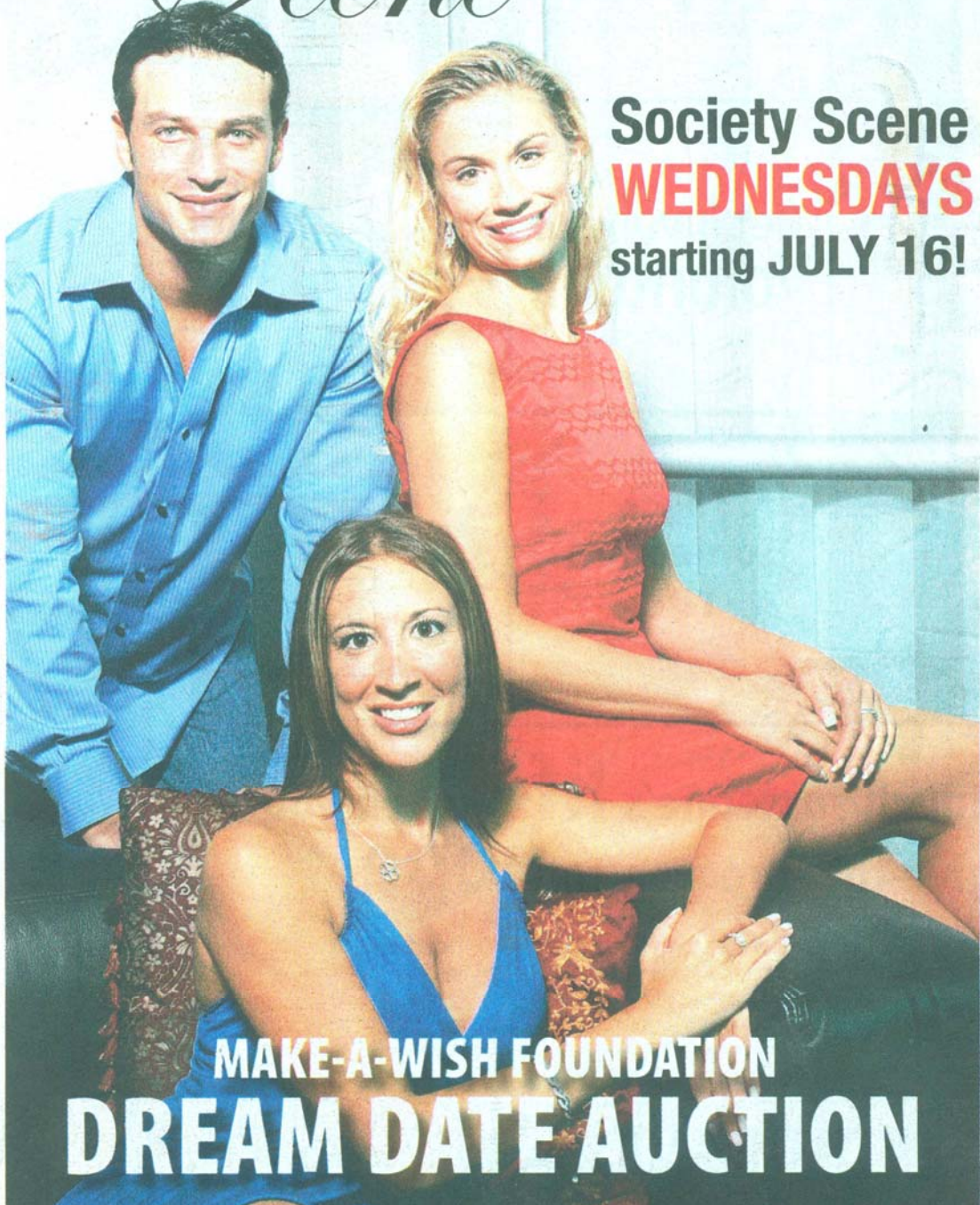
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# SOCIETY

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**Society Scene**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
starting **JULY 16!**



**MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION**  
**DREAM DATE AUCTION**

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# Dream Dates for grown-ups . . . Dreams fulfilled for kids

## Make-A-Wish Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction

**W**here can you bid on 20 of South Florida's hottest singles and extravagant date packages? Have a great time in a festive atmosphere while making a difference in the life of a local child? Enjoy food, drinks and have the chance to win prizes? Only at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida's 10th Annual Bachelor & Bachelorette Dream Date Auction

([www.dreamdateauction.net](http://www.dreamdateauction.net)).

The event takes place on July 25, at Spirits Nightclub at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood. Hosted by Julie Guy and Kenny Walker of 97.3 The Coast, the auction features bachelors and bachelorettes, each having their own pre-planned date activities. Swimming with dolphins, helicopter rides over South Florida, dance classes, and scrumptious dinners on South Beach

are just a few of the valuable packages bidders can lay claim to during an evening that also benefits children in our community. As with all Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraisers, 100 percent of the event's net proceeds will go toward granting the wishes of South Florida children who have life-threatening medical conditions.

"The impact of this event goes far beyond the good time we'll deliver to

winning bidders and those who come to Spirits," said Norman Wedderburn, president & CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida. "The wishes we grant from this event will change the lives of local children and families, very often inspiring them in their battles against health issues that threaten their lives."

The Bachelor & Bachelorette Dream Date Auction is being

presented by the Broward WishMakers, a group of business professionals who raise funds and awareness for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through community events, and sponsored by the Miller Family Foundation, Macy's, Sun Capital Healthcare, GEICO Motorcycle, Coldwell Banker, and the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 31.

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**BIDDING WAR:** Jenise Collado, left, Dan Herrero, Laurie Menekou and Becky Willard

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Tickets are on sale for \$25 in advance, \$30 the night of the event, and include two drinks and appetizers. A limited number of VIP access tickets can be purchased for \$40. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 954-967-9474, ext. 320 or e-mail [ccortez@sflawish.org](mailto:ccortez@sflawish.org).

Each year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida, the 4th largest wish-granting chapter in the world, fulfills the wishes of more than 500 children in 13 South Florida counties. With \$5,000 being the average cost of a wish, the nonprofit organization relies on fundraisers, corporate support, and donations from the public to bring hope, strength, and joy to families who need it most.

To learn more, volunteer or make a donation, call 888-773-9474 or visit [www.sfla.wish.org](http://www.sfla.wish.org). ■



Back row: Becky Willard, left, Joshua Abreu and Dan Herrero; Center: Laurie Menekou and Jenise Collado; Front row: Julie Guy and Kenny Walker



Becky Willard, left, Dan Herrero and Laurie Menekou



Laurie Menekou, left, Joshua Abreu and Becky Willard



Jenise Collado, left, Laurie Menekou and Becky Willard



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