

South Florida Realtor Veterans Team Up With Miami Marlin's Pitcher Dustin McGowan

Working Together to Raise Funds and Awareness for Diabetes Research Institute

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, October 12, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Real estate veteran Denise Madan and her business partner Joel Freis have recently staged a charity event 'Becca's Sparkle' in memory of Denise's stepdaughter Rebecca, who lost her life to type 1 diabetes. The charity's first annual event was held at the Miami Marlin's Stadium, and the proceeds were donated to the Diabetes Research Institute.

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Denise Madan, an experienced South Florida realtor, lost her stepdaughter Rebecca about two and half years ago while she was spending a day at the beach with her family. A type 1 diabetes sufferer from the age of five, Rebecca was just forty-five years old when she passed away. Following Rebecca's death, Denise and her real estate partner Joel Freis decided to donate a portion of every commission earned by the organization Make Miami Home to Diabetes Research institute. The first annual event of their initiative, 'Becca's Sparkle' was held at the Miami Marlins' Stadium on September, 26.

According to the American Diabetes Association, about 1.25 million Americans have type 1 diabetes and an estimated 40,000 people will be newly diagnosed each year in the future. This form of diabetes is usually diagnosed in children, and prevents the body from producing insulin. In addition to helping people find their dream homes, Denise and Joel strongly believe in giving back to the community, and are actively involved with many different charitable campaigns. Their efforts to fight type 1 diabetes were strongly supported by the Diabetes Research Institute's Executive Director Tom Karlya. Incidentally, Tom and his children have type 1 diabetes. As the VP and Executive Director of the DRI, Tom Karlya is dedicated to raising money and awareness for finding a cure for type 1 diabetes. Through his wealth of information and inspiration, Tom has helped Denise and Joel identify opportunities to raise money and awareness.

Denise and Joel have also teamed up with the popular professional baseball team Miami Marlins' pitcher Dustin McGowan for their cause. Dustin was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes as an adult and one of his daughters has type 1 diabetes. Working in tandem with the DRI, he has built an excellent program that creates opportunities for young children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes to go out on the field during batting practice before a game, learn a little bit about the disease and stay for the game as Dustin's guest.

By the end of the year 2017, Make Miami Home intends to donate \$25,000 to the DRI. In order to achieve this target, they have been sending monthly newsletters to inform the clients about this noble initiative. Within the first six months, the efforts put together by Denise and Joel has already yielded \$14,750.

The check was presented to the DRI on the field at the Miami Marlins' Stadium during the charity's first annual event 'Becca's Sparkle' on September 26.

To be a part of Denise and Joel's ongoing efforts to eradicate type 1 diabetes, please visit <u>http://miamihometeam.com/donate-with-denise-and-joel/</u>

About Make Miami Home: Make Miami Home consists of passionate professionals and real estate specialists with years of experience in the industry but what makes them truly the best at what they do is their dedication to the client needs. Make Miami Home's team believes in treating their clients with

the integrity and respect they deserve, placing special emphasis on the continual communication along the way. The company's partners Denise Madan and Joel Fries have adopted the "client first" philosophy and believe in working with, as well as for their clients and establishing strong and longlasting relationships with them.

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