

1909 Annual Gala Supports Next Generation of Entrepreneurs in Palm Beach County

West Palm Beach Non-Profit Organization Serves Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses with Affordable Workspace and Business Education Programs

WEST PALM BEACH , FL, UNITED STATES, November 12, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [1909](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs in Palm

Beach County, hosted its annual gala benefiting Palm Beach County entrepreneurs and small businesses on November 1, 2024 at The Pelican Club in Jupiter, Florida. The event drew over 200 guests and raised nearly \$170,000 to directly support 1909's expansion, empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs in Palm Beach County.


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members generate over \$23 million in annual revenue and have raised more than \$20 million in capital.

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1909 For Creators, By Creators

incredible team—especially Monique Fabio, our Development Director—for making this event a success! We're grateful to our board, sponsors, and everyone who joined us to fuel our mission.

"We were thrilled to announce the launch of our scholarship program, and we couldn't be more grateful to Stacy and Keith Palagye for kickstarting it with an incredible \$30,000 donation," added Shana Ostrovitz, Executive Director at 1909. "In the early stages of entrepreneurship, uncertainty looms large, and scholarships help alleviate the burden of basic needs like workspace, mentorship, and business education. This support allows founders to focus fully on growing their businesses. Scholarships often provide the critical foundation needed to get these talented entrepreneurs off the ground, and we've already seen some go on to incredible success."

Gala sponsors included 35 Mules (FPL), Deco Builders, CITY Furniture, BIBC, JP Morgan, Robrady, Privet, Palm Beach Atlantic, Palm Beach Atlantic University, bundleIQ, Keiser University, Eisner Amper, Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, PATHOS, Whole Story Studio, AKA West Palm, Even Award, and Diana Barrett.

About 1909

1909 is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the holistic growth of creators in Palm Beach County, offering members access to a one-of-a-kind, collaborative community, workspace, accelerator programs, and mentorship.



1909 Gala 2024



From top left to right Ryan Poole, Emily Starkey, Nicholas Mohnacky, Shana Ostrovitz, Michelle Bakels, Evan Award, Danielle Casey.jpeg



Monique Fabio, Danielle Casey and Shana Ostrovitz

1909 was formed in 2018 to build the kind of space and community that the founders — along with fellow Palm Beach County creators and innovators — sought for themselves. Since opening its doors, 1909 has welcomed many creators who have helped lead the organization forward and adapt where needed. We are proud to be creating an organization that allows talented people with unique perspectives to shape and contribute to the future for all of us. For more information visit weare1909.org/.

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