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Fall events fuse fun, worthy causes and culture



The Nov. 5 weekend offered outdoor enthusiasts a wonderful array of events from the South Miami Art Festival to assorted charity walks around town. As thousands strolled South Miami streets, enjoying the art, entertainment and food, non-profits were raising funds in other ways around town.

The American Diabetes Association's "Step Out Walk" drew hundreds Nov. 5 at J.C. Bermudez Park in Doral. The weather provided a perfect day for supporters to learn more about diabetes and ways to live with it. Major sponsor Navarro had lots of giveaways as did many other companies, all for a great cause.

Walgreens gave away boxes of 30-day assorted vitamins, and, upon learning of the good works of others, generously donated dozens of boxes to GFWC Coral Gables Woman's Club for its Thanksgiving baskets.

The Club will distribute them to families of their May Van Sickle Children's Dental Clinic patients. The clinic, owned and operated by club members who volunteer time, provides more than \$170,000 in free dental care yearly to disadvantaged children a much-needed resource in hard economic times for many.

Coral Gables Woman's Club member **Mireya Kilmon** was Co-Chair of the Leadership Committee for the 2011 Arthritis Walk. As someone experiencing rheumatoid arthritis, Kilmon knows how devastating the nation's most common disablement can be. To support research and programs, Kilmon and many of her club members joined the Nov. 12 Walk.

The Setai Hotel South Beach was a glorious site as the American Heart Association took to the runway of "Funkshion's Fall Fashion Week" with the fourth annual Miami Red Dress Fashion



Tenet Health's Vilma Medio addresses crowd at Red Dress Show.



From left: Gretchen Semanick, Norris Perez, Gloria Burns, Ruben Campbell, Vilma Medio, Mercy Crespo, Debi Moore. at Red Dress Fashion Show.

Show Oct. 19. Bringing critical attention to the number one killer of women, the event also provided a chic fashion display with eclectic selections of red dresses accessorized by Piaget and Judith Lieber. Event sponsor Tenet Healthcare Corp's **Vilma Medio**, Regional Marketing Director, thanked supporters and musician **Ruben Campbell**, founder of Music for Your Heart Foundation, headlined a pre-show performance. CBS/WFOR-TV Four's **Lisette Gonzalez** served as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

The Fashion show showcased such designers as Laundry by Shelli Segal and Jantzen by Perry Ellis International; Oscar de la Renta; Donna Karan; Nicole Miller; Gustavo Cadile; Angel Sanchez; Silvia Tcherassi; Diego Binetti; Victoria Lopez Castro; Fisico by Cristina Ferrari; Ever After; Koam Designs; Sarahi House of Fashion; Custo Barcelona; LAVUK; and the Project Runway Latin America Red Dress winner. Among many faces in the crowd: **Luis Del Pozo**, **Maria Hidalgo Diaz**, **Noemi Sanchez**, **Mercy Crespo**, **Debie Moore**, and **Norris Perez**.

That evening was followed two weeks later by the 2011 Heart Walk at FIU's main campus, raising more than \$710,000, up \$100,000 from 2010. Congratulations to top individual fundraiser, **Ben Mollere**, of Baptist Health Systems, and top cor-

porate fundraiser, Baptist Health.

The Grove Retrospective Gallery partners with "DRESS FOR SUCCESS" to feature an art exhibit titled "Tribute to Marilyn Monroe", Nov. 11 thru



Wayne Brackin and Ben Mollere of Baptist Health at Heart Walk.

Dec. 23 at 2911 Grand Avenue, Coconut Grove. With Friday's auspicious date (11/11/11), it promises to be great fun with a Marilyn Monroe Look-a-Like Contest. Steven Steele, gallery owner, notes the competition is open to both sexes (just right for groovy Grovers). Anyone over 21 can enter free with pre-registration required to appear before a panel of celebrity judges. Opening night tickets (\$10 per person) are available at <www.eventbrite.com>. For details, contact Steele at 305-742-7071 or <acposter@acposter.com>.