



Dear CARD Family and Friends,

You are, and always have been, what makes South Florida a model for love and care of those on the autism spectrum. Neurodiversity is real, it is here, and it is now. We are so proud to invite you to the 22nd Annual CARD Gala, formerly known as Tropical Nights, on April 18, 2026, at the InterContinental Miami Hotel.

This year's Gala will be extraordinary. It will be more than a celebration of achievement and triumph of those individuals and families living with autism. It will be a celebration of the example of love, dedication, and care, as shown by CARD, our South Florida Community, and each of you. The CARD Gala is meant to honor you for all you do, and for making South Florida a beacon of inclusion and acceptance for the neurodiverse and their families.

Our youngest son Jesse was diagnosed with severe autism at just 20 months old in 2004. Yet, like so many other South Florida families, we have the honor as parents and stewards of raising a wonderful example of a beautiful loving heart and a pure soul. Our family's autism journey began at a time when few had basic understandings of autism. CARD provided essential support, guidance, and advocacy. Over the years, CARD helped with everything from educational assessments to emotional support for Jesse's siblings. We have never forgotten Dr. Alessandri's commitment and love for the Zumpano Family and for the South Florida Autism community. Dr. Alessandri became more than a friend to Jesse; he became family to us.

Our story is not unique, but we are all uniquely blessed to be a part of CARD, its mission, and its results. This year, we honor Haley Moss. Haley began her legal career at Zumpano Patricios. The firm hired Haley – the first openly autistic attorney to join the Florida Bar. At her swearing-in, Joe had the honor of speaking:

“As an attorney, you will have the opportunity to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.”

Haley went on to become a passionate advocate for neurodiversity, continuing the spirit of speaking for others who may not be able to speak for themselves.

We are honored to Co-Chair the 22nd Annual CARD Gala.

Join us, as we would be honored to have you with us on such a special occasion.

We look forward seeing you, visiting with you, and celebrating our CARD experience with each and every one of you.

Warm regards,

Grace and Joe Zumpano

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The CARD Gala 2026 Chairpersons

For more information about The CARD Gala please visit us at www.gala.card.miami.edu.

Benefiting the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities ~ Saturday, April 18, 2026

Company/Individual Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____

Please note, sponsorships may not be paid through donor advised funds.

Legacy Sponsor

- Presenting Sponsor
- Corporate logo on website, step & repeat, sponsor loop
- Corporate logo, scheduled mentions on social media
- Sponsor recognition on event welcome signage
- Recognition in media promotions and press releases related to event

\$25,000 (Non-deductible amount \$2,500.00)

- Premium page recognition in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing on the Sponsor page in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing as Legacy Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 10 GUEST TICKETS

Visionary Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, step & repeat, sponsor loop and social media
- Sponsor recognition on welcome signage at event
- Recognition in media promotions and press releases related to event
- Full Page recognition in the Evening Program Journal

\$10,000 (Non-deductible amount \$2,250.00)

- Listing on the Sponsor Page in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing as Visionary Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 10 GUEST TICKETS

Trailblazer Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, sponsor loop and social media
- Half Page recognition in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing on the Sponsor page in the Evening Program Journal

\$6,500 (Non-deductible amount \$1,700.00)

- Listing as Trailblazer Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 8 GUEST TICKETS

Beacon of Hope Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, sponsor loop and social media
- Half Page recognition in the Evening Program Journal
- Listing on the Sponsor page in the Evening Program Journal

\$4,000 (Non-deductible amount \$1,400.00)

- Listing as Beacon of Hope Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 6 GUEST TICKETS

Guiding Light Sponsor

- Corporate logo on website, sponsor loop and social media
- Listing on the Sponsor page in the Evening Program Journal

\$2,500 (Non-deductible amount \$600.00)

- Listing as Guiding Light Sponsor and logo printed on invitation
- 4 GUEST TICKETS

Angel Sponsor

I would like to support this sponsorship opportunity. These specially curated sponsorships at one of the standard sponsor levels above are for sponsors who prefer to donate their seats to CARD clients and families rather than attend the event themselves.

To purchase online visit: <https://one.bidpal.net/cardgala2026/ticketing>.

Invitation Deadline is February 6, 2026. Program Journal Deadline is Friday, March 27, 2026.

*University review and prior approval of logo and recognition may be required.

Please make checks payable to the University of Miami CARD Gala and mail to:

University of Miami CARD/CARD Gala, Attention Michelle Costa, 5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 2nd Floor • Coral Gables, FL 33146

You can also complete the form and email it to: mke@miami.edu. For event information, please call 305-284-5269 or visit www.cardgala.miami.edu.

Total \$ _____	Discover _____	Amex _____	Visa _____	Master Card _____	Check _____
Is this a Corporate Card: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		Are you a new sponsor? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
Cardholder Name: _____					
Corporation Name: _____					
Card Number: _____				Exp. _____	
Phone: _____			Signature: _____		

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 Email: _____ Sponsor Signature: _____

Please note, sponsorships may not be paid through donor advised funds. All Branding Sponsorships include 2 tickets to attend the event and will be recognized through event marketing the program journal and event slideshow. Full details for sponsorship opportunities on following page.

Everlasting Light Dance Floor

\$15,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Transform the heart of The CARD Gala with our reflective dance floor. This sponsorship offers a unique opportunity to showcase your brand in a dynamic and visually striking way. Logo or name will be prominently displayed on the dancefloor itself.

Luminary DJ Booth

\$10,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Your logo or name will be prominently displayed front and center on the DJ Booth with this unique sponsorship opportunity designed to combine entertainment, exposure and engagement at The CARD Gala.

Glimmer Photo Booth

\$7,500 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

As the photo booth sponsor, your logo or name will be prominently displayed on all the pictures, ensuring high visibility and exposure. Every snapshot taken will associate your brand with a memorable evening. In addition all photos can be automatically shared on the recipients' social media channels giving you further exposure.

Brilliance Engraved Lighter Sponsorship

\$6,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Ignite your brand's impact with a unique form of engagement. You will get the chance to leave a lasting impression—literally—by placing your logo/name on a lighter that travels with its owner and often sits center stage in memorable moments. Guests will have the opportunity to personalize the back of the lighter with their initials.

Glowing Registration

\$4,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Your logo or name will be prominently featured at the registration area as we welcome all of our guests to The CARD Gala. This includes main registration, branded signage around the registration area, check-in /check out areas.

Guiding Light Auction

\$3,500 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Elevate your brand's visibility and impact and have your logo or name featured exclusively throughout our auction including our One Cause software—a unique opportunity to showcase your company's support while engaging directly with a high-profile audience.

Radiance Valet

\$3,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

Prominent signage will feature your logo or name on dashboard/window passes that will be given to all guests as they leave the event to remember this magical evening.

Sparkling Cocktails

\$2,000 (Non-deductible amount \$300)

This sponsorship opportunity offers a unique opportunity to enhance brand visibility and engagement at The CARD Gala. By associating a special cocktail with your identity, we will create a memorable experience for all of our guests.

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For Customized Branding Opportunities please contact Michelle Costa at mke@miami.edu

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Total \$ _____ Discover _____ Amex _____ Visa _____ Master Card _____ Check _____

Is this a Corporate Card: YES NO Are you a new sponsor? YES NO

Cardholder Name: _____

Corporation Name: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____

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With a contribution to CARD, we will feature your business or personal message to our honoree or to CARD in the Evening Program Journal.

_____ Premium Crossover (2 Page Spread, 8.5"H x 11"W, Portrait with .125" bleed all around)**	\$1,500
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_____ Premium Page (8.5"H x 5.5"W, Portrait with .125" bleed all around)**	\$1,000
_____ Full Page (8.5"H x 5.5"W, Portrait with .125" bleed all around)	\$750
_____ Half Page (5.5"H x 4.25"W, Landscape with .125" bleed all around)	\$500

**Limited spaces available

Company/Individual Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 E-mail: _____

Evening Program Journal Deadline is March 27, 2026

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Please send artwork to vmperez@miami.edu or include message here. Please send files as high resolution JPEG, PNG or PDF.

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Company/Individual Name: _____

Owner Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Item Description: _____

Restrictions (if any): _____

Fair Market Value: _____ Expiration (one year from event date): _____

If gift \$5,000+, Donor is filing IRS Form 8283: Yes No

Donor was informed of IRS 8282 policy: Yes No

If "Yes", attach Form 8283 for University signature.

If no, donor must so acknowledge in writing.

***If gift is over \$5,000, it must be approved by the University before acceptance.**

Procurement/Delivery Instructions: (please check one)

Donation will be: Picked up _____ Mailed _____ Delivered _____

Date: _____ Donor Signature _____

Program Journal Deadline is March 27, 2026

To ensure inclusion in the Program Journal this form must be received by **March 27, 2026**

along with your gift certificate and/or instructions for obtaining item to the:

University of Miami CARD/CARD Gala, Attention Vanessa Castaneda, 5665 Ponce de Leon Blvd., 2nd Floor • Coral Gables, FL 33146.

For event information, please call 305-284-3722 or visit www.cardgala.miami.edu.

For Internal Use Only:

Date: _____ Committee Member: _____

Received by: _____ Item #: _____