

40 Years in the Books: A Night to Remember!



THE FOUNDATION FOR *Independent Living*



What an unforgettable evening at our 40th Anniversary Gala! We can't thank you enough for your support and for making the night so special. The energy in the room was incredible, from the dancing and laughter to the heartfelt moments we all shared. Not to mention, everyone was dressed to impress. It was truly a night to remember.

We are beyond grateful to our families and residents who made the evening so meaningful. Your presence and support are what make our community feel like home. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their

hard work in making this event such a success. From the planning stages to the final moments of the night, your commitment and effort made all the difference. The turnout this year was incredible, and it only reaffirms what we already knew. FIL is a special place filled with even more special people.

Looking ahead, we are more committed than ever to growing and strengthening our community. FIL will continue to set the standard for independent living so that our residents have not just a place to live but a place to thrive. To our families, your support is the foundation of everything we do. You are the heart of this community, and we are honored to be on this journey with you and your loved ones. This is just the beginning, and we can't wait to share what's next.

Click on the link to below to view and download photos from the event.

40th Anniversary Masquerade Photos

2025 Charity Basketball Bash Recap

While the gala wasn't the only big event in town last weekend, we have to give a huge shoutout to the



Coconut Creek Police Department for an incredible Charity Basketball Bash. This game didn't end in regulation. It didn't end in overtime. It took double overtime to crown a winner.

The FIL Tigers may not have taken the victory last Friday, but they left everything on the court. The stands were packed with one of our biggest turnouts ever, and the energy was unreal.

Big thanks to everyone who made this possible. The FIL Tigers Cheerleaders brought the hype from start to finish. The City of Coconut Creek and the Coconut Creek PD helped put this event together and made it something special. And of course, a HUGE shoutout to the FIL Tigers basketball team. Months of practice, hard work, and dedication brought us to the brink of victory. We didn't get the win, but we set a new standard for teamwork.

The grind for next year starts now.

FIL Wishlist Update

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, several Wishlist items have been fully funded and will soon be enhancing our space! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

☐ SOLD Items:

- **Breakfast with Detective Clint Corey:** Wendy Dale & Jeffrey Oxman
- **Ice Cream with our own Detective Corey:** Joe Benenati & Brad Williamson
- **Kitchen Worktable:** Kathe Bannigan (Gene Bannigan)
- **Upright Freezer:** Alexandra Jones (Hope Neville)
- **Electronic Medical Calendar:** Fagl Oxman (Jeffrey Oxman)
- **Functional Trainer:** Dr. Jim Benenati (Joe Benenati)
- **Resident Employment Computer:** Sue Bermann (Bob Dennen)
- **Swivel Chair:** Dr. Roy Thompson
- **New Van:** Anonymous Donor

☐ UNSOLD Items:

- Readtopia
- Foldable Massage Bed
- Quaver Music
- Food Warmer

We received a few bids on the remaining items, though they were on the lower end. We can explore collective contributions to bring these items in. Let's work together to make it happen!

Thank you again to everyone who supported our Wishlist. Your generosity is making a real impact! ♥

Wishlist

Our First Online Auction Was a Hit!

Our first-ever online auction had a great start, with many items receiving bids. If you were one of the lucky winners, there's a good chance you're walking away with a big smile!

Since the banquet, the auction has gained so much traction that we are planning to bring it back for an encore. Interest is growing, and we'll be reopening the auction soon so even more people can have the chance to bid on these incredible items.

If you placed a winning bid, you'll be receiving details about your items soon. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this auction such a success! Stay tuned for updates!

Thank You to Our FIL Families

To our amazing FIL families, thank you for your support, generosity, and commitment to our community. Whether you joined us at the gala, cheered on the FIL Tigers, contributed to our Wishlist, or participated in our auction, your involvement makes all the difference.

Your dedication keeps the FIL spark alive, creating a place of growth, inclusion, and independence for all. We look forward to what's ahead. We are stronger together! ♥



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