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Raise the Bar supports The Women's Fund and its Freedom from Violence initiatives

MIAMI, Florida – The Women's Fund Miami-Dade's 2016 **Raise the Bar** Networking and Cocktail Reception Held at the Chapman Conference Center, Miami-Dade College on Thursday, June 2nd raised close to \$40,000 to support work helping women and girls live free from violence in Miami-Dade County. Attorneys, accountants and many other business professionals came together for an evening of networking, delicious food and drinks for the 12th annual event.

Representatives from Akerman LLP, Boardroom PR, Brady Law, C1 Bank, Cantor & Webb, DLA Piper, Greenberg Traurig, P.A., K&L Gates, Malloy and Malloy, Robert Half Legal, Shutts & Bowen LLP and US Legal Support served on the event's Host Committee. Together, they encouraged over 300 people to gather for just one evening to make a difference in the lives of so many women and girls who have experienced violence in their lives.

"Women continue to live in fear and in violent situations in our community, which is not acceptable. The Women's Fund continues to be the voice of these women and to be their advocates for change." said Executive Director Marilyn March. "Proceeds from this event allow us to continue our efforts to support other organizations that provide the services so desperately needed to help those who are able to break away from the violence in their lives and to let others know there is help and hope for them. To have so many people able to take just a few hours out of one evening to support The Women's Fund is truly amazing."

2016 Raise the Bar sponsors included Akerman LLP, Anastasia M. Garcia, Esq., Bacardi, Badia Spices, BodyLogicMD, Cantor & Webb, P.A., CitiMED, Coca-Cola, Daily Business Review, DLA Piper, DLE Process Servers, Donut Divas, Gerson and Schwartz, P.A., Greenberg Traurig, Greenspoon Marder, Happily Ever After - A Wedding Company, Humberto R. Dominguez, P.A., Julian & Debbie Montero, K&L Gates, Kaufman Rossin, Malloy & Malloy, P.L., Miami Dade College, Panter, Panter and Sampedro, P.A., Podhurst Orseck, P.A., Robert Half Legal, Shutts &

Bowen LLP, South Florida Luxury Guide, Stanley M. Newmark, P.A., The Miami Herald / El Nuevo Herald, Tony Firpi Photography, US Legal Support and Veritext Legal Solutions.

Catering was provided by Pincho Factory.

For more information about The Women's Fund Miami-Dade, please call 305.441.0506 or visit www.womensfundmiami.org.

About The Women's Fund Miami-Dade

The Women's Fund Miami-Dade empowers women and girls through advocacy and funding for innovative initiatives that build equality, foster social change and create community partners. Founded in 1993, The Women's Fund is Miami-Dade's only organization directing all of its energy toward creating equal opportunity, access and influence for women and girls. Through research, collaboration, and grant-making, WFMD exposes the issues, gives voice to the silent majority, and pools our collective giving power to provide grassroots solutions. We believe that by pooling our resources we can create a just and safe Miami-Dade, where power and possibility aren't limited by gender.