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The 10th annual Raise the Bar: networking to save women's lives
All proceeds benefitted The Women's Fund Miami Dade

MIAMI, Florida –On June 4th the 10th annual Raise the Bar gathered over 350 guests at the Miami Center of Architecture & Design in downtown Miami. The networking cocktail reception raised over \$45,000 for The Women's Fund of Miami-Dade to fund community programs that work with survivors of domestic violence and sex trafficking.

Board member, Co-Chair of the event and K&L Gates' Partner April Boyer stated, "The professional community looks forward to Raise the Bar annually, and this year was no different. The host committee and event co-chairs really outdid themselves, coming together for an incredibly important cause. We helped raise money for grants that the Women's Fund gives to organizations that combat domestic violence and sex trafficking. The Board is really proud of this group for their commitment and hard work."

Every year Raise the Bar continues to break its fundraising goal while attracting a robust list of sponsors which included Bacardi, Greenberg Traurig, K&L Gates, Robert Half Legal, DLA Piper, McDermott Will & Emery, Podhurst Orseck, and University of Miami School of Law just to name a few. To date, the event has raised over \$235,000 to help provide legal assistance, shelter, counseling and education to women victims of violence.

Professionals from the legal and accounting communities as well as Women's Fund long-time supporters packed the beautiful and unique gallery space while bidding on silent auction items, enjoying passed hors d'oeuvres provided by Chef Elisa Catering and sipping on wine and tasty Bacardi cocktails.

For information about The Women's Fund, please call The Women's Fund at 305.441.0506 or visit www.womensfundmiami.org.

About The Women's Fund of 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 we expose the issues, give voice to the silent majority, and pool 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 are not limited by gender. The Women's Fund Miami-Dade improves the lives of women and girls through grant making, research, advocacy and education.