

## **MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE ROARS BACK TO THE 1920S WITH A SPEAKEASY GALA PRESENTED BY WELLS FARGO ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

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the Museum's Open Doors Access Programs*

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL (November 7, 2019)** – The Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) transported its guests back to the Roaring Twenties at its Speakeasy Gala presented by Wells Fargo on October 26. This year's event raised \$500,000 to support the Museum's Open Doors Access programs.

Donning their best 1920s attire, more than 375 guests enjoyed an evening complete with a cocktail reception, live and silent auctions, and a glamorous dinner with wine pairing. In true Prohibition-era style, cocktails, courtesy of Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits, Royal Wine Corp. and Total Wine & More, were flowing as guests danced the night away to the nostalgic sounds of live Big Band music.

The who's who of the area's business and civic elite came together to help support the Museum's full menu of accessibility programs. MODS' Opening Doors programs optimizes the Museum's accessibility efforts. Opening Doors means MODS for All. The Museum welcomes individuals from all walks of life to visit, experience, connect and discover inspiring science. We support all family structures, creating a culture of hospitality where diversity is celebrated. Our doors are open to everyone: individuals and families with physical and emotional disabilities, sensory-friendly and disparities in education, social and economic status. MODS embraces a diverse community of various ethnicities, abilities, religions, gender identification and sexual orientations.

The Museum serves thousands of visitors - including members of the military, those with disabilities, underserved families and educational groups - who might otherwise not have access to the Museum's incredible programs and exhibits.

To help raise funds for these important programs, guests bid on live auction items such as a Costa Rica, Barbados, Boston and North Georgia getaway packages, a VIP experience to the University of Florida Gators vs. Florida State Seminoles football game, a Florida Panthers VIP player experience, and a ride aboard the Goodyear Blimp, just to name a few. Silent auction offerings included an array of staycations, restaurant experiences and a 90-minute river cruise on the Cruisin' Tiki.

"We are honored and grateful to have so many generous MODS supporters and partners come together to celebrate the Museum's impact on the community," said Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS. "Our champions help propel MODS' important work of connecting people to inspiring science well into the future."

The evening's host was Kavita Channe, a television and radio personality. Gala sponsors included Wells Fargo; BB&T; Stiles Corporation; Total Wine & More; Royal Wine Corp.; Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits; Double Digital; M. Austin & Christine Forman; AIDS Healthcare Foundation; Berkowitz Pollak Brant; City Furniture; Ellis Diversified Inc.; Leo Goodwin Foundation; Republic Services; Shannon & Jonathan Robertson; Shooters Waterfront; Skadden; SunTrust Bank; Bank of America; Ronald Book PA; Centuric; Citrix; Grant Thornton; Greenberg Traurig; Gulley Family; Gunster; Harry T. Mangurian Jr. Foundation; JetBlue; JM Family Enterprises; JP Morgan Chase; Lochrie & Chakas PA; PNC Bank; Publix Supermarket Charities; RV Retailer; Sheltair; TD Bank; and Ultimate Software.

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**ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE (MODS):**

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today MODS is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films and experiential programs. With a designated STEM Center and new aviation-themed makerspace, *The Leighton Family Hangar*, MODS is committed to engaging, enriching and inspiring tomorrow's workforce - today. The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes more than 400,000 visitors annually from all walks of life. MODS is open every day of the year, except Thanksgiving, one day in the spring for its Annual Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration (March 13, 2020) and one day in the fall for the Annual Gala (TBA 2020). Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, call 954.467.MODS (6637) or visit [mods.org](http://mods.org).

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