

## TEQUESTA PROFILE

### Firefighter Chili Cook Off

The Retired Firefighters of Palm Beach County hosted their Firefighter Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Abacoa Amphitheater. Decorated chili booths represented firefighters from local departments, restaurants, hospitals, and organizations. It was the responsibility of the celebrity

judges to finally determine the "best" chili and "theme" booths. This event was a huge success and Abacoa proved to be the perfect secure venue to gather the family for cold drinks, hot chili, and live music.

The Retired Firefighters of Palm Beach County are a combination of firefighters from local fire departments that have combined to maintain the brotherhood by supporting the health and welfare of local firefighters as well as the community we fought so hard to protect. They are a charitable 501(c)(3) organization that aids fire-related agencies while continuing to support our community. This year the Firefighter Chili Cook Off event benefited two organizations: Firefighters on a Mission and Firefighters to the Rescue.

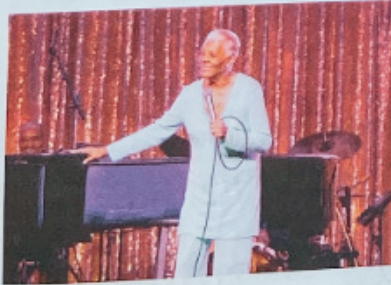
Firefighters on a Mission has partnered with a variety of organizations that specifically focus on finding a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Money raised will be distributed to these organizations, while some is reserved



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## TEQUESTA SPOTLIGHT

### Dionne Warwick, Rita Rudner, And Marilyn McCoo And Billy Davis, Jr. Headline LIFE's 28th Annual Lady In Red Gala Event Raises More Than \$1.5 Million With Proceeds Benefiting "Pups4patriots" At American Humane And "Lois' Food4kids" At Palm Beach County Food Bank



*Dionne Warwick*

Lois Pope, founder and chair of LIFE's Lady in Red Gala, told the sold-out audience at the 28th annual event at The Breakers on Sunday, Jan. 9, that the hallmarks of the much-anticipated affair are always: fabulous entertainment, important causes to support, great food, music and dancing, and no long speeches.

And, as always, this year's gala fulfilled each of these hallmarks in magnificent fashion. The headliner entertainment was spectacular. The seven-time Grammy award-winning couple, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr., kicked off the night with a rousing set featuring both their biggest hits, from *Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In* to *Wedding Bell Blues* and *Up, Up and Away*, to tunes from their new album, including the title track, *Blackbird*.

Then, after a surf and turf feast of Maine lobster and filet mignon, comedian Rita Rudner, who has the longest running solo act in Las Vegas history, had the audience roaring with laughter. This was the side-splitting comedian's third "Lady in Red" gala and

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## FUNDRAISING

### Hannah's Home To Expand Capacity After Successful Fundraiser

After raising over \$400,000 at its 10th annual fundraising gala, Hannah's Home of South Florida is moving to expand capacity to meet the needs of the single, pregnant young women in the home's care.



Every year, Hannah's Home must turn away nearly 200 women due to a lack of capacity. "I felt that the event this year was filled with celebration and anticipation for the future of Hannah's Home," said Carol Beresford, founder of Hannah's Home. "We look forward to expanding our property with four new cottages. This

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