



POST-EVENT RELEASE

ANIMAL RESCUE FUND OF THE HAMPTONS BRINGS TOGETHER ANIMAL LOVERS FOR AN EVENING OF DINNER AND DANCING AT ANNUAL BEACH BALL

On **Saturday, August 13th** the **Animal Rescue Fund of The Hamptons** (www.arfhamptons.org) hosted ***Magic Under the Moonlight***, an evening of dinner and dancing on the ocean at the Bridgehampton Tennis & Surf Club. Over **200** high profile guests from New York and the Hamptons attended the magical evening to celebrate ARF and raise important funds for cats and dogs in need. The event was chaired by **Rachel and Gary Sumers** and all proceeds benefitted ARF, the leading animal adoption center on the East End of Long Island.

Guests enjoyed a raw bar and cocktails, followed by dinner and magic by magician **JB Benn**. Afterwards, the party continued into the night with music by DJ duo **AndrewAndrew** and a beach bonfire under the stars. The evening honored **Dr. Lewis Berman**, Veterinarian and Founder of Park East Animal Hospital, for his 50 years of outstanding veterinary practice and service to the animal welfare community. Longtime animal rescue advocate and renowned *New York Post* columnist and NBC commentator **Cindy Adams** introduced Dr. Berman and presented him with his award. Joining in the evening's festivities was a selection of ARF cats and dogs available for adoption. By the end of the evening nearly \$250,00 had been raised in support of ARF and Phoebe, a 3 month old dachshund mix had found a loving new home.

This year Charitybuzz was the official online auction dealer for the event and promoted exciting experiences and packages including a backstage tour of NBC with Chuck Scarborough, a signed copy of Keith Richards' biography, tickets and backstage passes to the Big Apple Circus, and a round of golf at the exclusive Maidstone Golf Club. Interested bidders still have the chance to make offers online until **Thursday August 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM** by visiting <http://www.charitybuzz.com/auctions/arfhamptons>.

Guests Included: Chuck and Ellen Scarborough, Cindy Adams, Amanda and Dr. Lewis Berman, Emilia Saint-Amand and Fred Krimendahl, Jean and Martin Shafiroff, Patsy and Jeff Tarr, Barbara Slifka, Frances Hayward, Sandra McConnell, Barbara and Alan Washkowitz, Liz Brown and Leslie Alexander, Shelly and Larry Brown, Richard Thompson, William McKnight, Lisa and Brian McCarthy, Bernard Maisner, Polly Bruckmann, Margo and James Nederlander, Gale and Ira Drukier, Rachel and Gary Sumers, many more.

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