

# CORAL GABLES GAZETTE

(Society)

October 23-28, 2003

## Guardian Angels for Children

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### Rousing ovation for Boys Choirs

What a fantastic musical night! Toes were tapping at The South Florida Boys Choir Academy Dinner Gala at the Parrot Jungle Ballroom with the inaugural performance by the South Florida Boys Choir as well as performances by the Florida Memorial College Jazz Band and the world renowned Boys Choir of Harlem which sang *Satin Doll* by Duke Ellington, *Puttin' On the Ritz* by Irving Berlin and a Ragtime Medley of songs by Scott Joplin and Fats Waller bringing three standing ovations.

Dr. Albert E. Dotson, Sr., Christie and Robert Londono served as chairmen of the event, "Saving Lives Through Song," and welcomed 450 supporters of the South Florida Boys Choir. Miami-Dade County Mayor Alex Penelas, Miami-Dade Commissioners Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler and Dennis Moss, Florida City Mayor Otis Wallace and Homestead Mayor Roscoe Warren were honorary chairmen. Robert Beatty, general counsel and vice president of Public Affairs at The Miami Herald, was emcee.

During the performance Kerri Vaughan, Managing Director of the Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program that will provide scholarships once the South Florida Boys Choir school opens in West Perrine next fall, said, "I

couldn't wipe a smile from my face because the music was so fantastic." It was an evening that will long be remembered.



*Albert and Earline Dotson, Christie and Robert Londono at South Florida Boys Choir Dinner.*



*John Johnson, Robert Beatty and Ed Hanna at South Florida Boys Choir Dinner.*

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