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Jewelers for Children Honors Drosos and Abramo at Return of Facets of Hope

New York, NY – Jewelers for Children held their Facets of Hope event on Sunday August 29, in Las Vegas at the Venetian Resort. This year marked a return for the event which was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The charity announced that \$ 760,000 had been raised to support their charity partners, coupled with \$ 475,000 raised in 2020, bringing the two-year total to 1,235,000 and a total since 1999 to more than \$ 58 million "The past two years have certainly presented challenges to all of us in the industry, said Debra Puzio, JFC board chair. Having so many of our dedicated donors step up, both in 2020 with no event being held and this year with uncertainties still ahead, it's been so gratifying to see the results of their support."

The evening began with the traditional a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and the program. During the program, the organization recognized Virginia Drosos of Signet Jewelers, Ltd., and Mercedes Abramo of Cartier. Guests also heard from Jake Glaser, son of Elizabeth Glaser, founder of the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and Idelia Robins-Confer, representing the National CASA/GAL Foundation.

During the program it was announced that the charity intends to donate \$ 150,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, \$ 150,000 to Make-A-Wish America, \$ 150,000 to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and \$ 175,000 to the National CASA Association. Also announced was a commitment of \$ 75,000 to Make-A-Wish International for wish granting in India, and \$ 10,000 to the Santa-America Fund, and \$ 50,000 to the Organization for Autism Research.

Jewelers for Children was founded in 1999 by the U.S. jewelry industry with the mission of helping children in need. Since its inception, JFC has donated more than \$58 million to programs benefiting children whose lives have been affected by illness, abuse or neglect through our charity partners St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, Make-A-Wish® America, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the National CASA Association. JFC also provides support to Make-A-Wish® International, and the Santa-America Fund.

Photos: Jake Glaser, Idelia Robinson-Confer and Debra Puzio

Crowd shot, enjoying dinner