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**SPCA WILDLIFE CARE CENTER KICKS OFF
16TH ANNUAL GALA: "FIRE AND ICE"**

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL—On December 7, 2007, the SPCA Wildlife Care Center (WCC) kicked off its 16th Annual Gala: "Fire and Ice" with a soiree at the private home in the historic section of Rio Vista in Fort Lauderdale. The event raised funds to benefit harmed or displaced wildlife, domestic, farm or exotic animals at the Center in Fort Lauderdale.

"The soiree was a great success, and we will raise more funds at our Annual Gala on Saturday, January 12th," said David Hall, Director of Development. "The 'Fire & Ice' Gala will surely 'Awaken the Senses' while supporting all of the animals at the SPCA Wildlife Care Center. A special thank you goes to Oliva Realty for supplying us with a beautiful home for our event."

The 100 guests enjoyed poolside jazz entertainment from Chuck Bergeron, Martin Hand and John Yerning. The highlight of the event was the diamond/champagne raffle. Attendees were able to purchase champagne glasses for \$100 each. Each glass contained a one-carat cubic zirconia, except one glass, which held a one-carat diamond. The remainder of the champagne glasses will be sold, and the winner of the raffle will be announced the night of the Gala on January 12th at the Fort Lauderdale Grande Hotel.

Sponsors of the soiree included: 360^o Catering, Oliva Realty, Premiere Wine and Daoud's Fine Jewelry.

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About the SPCA Wildlife Care Center:

Serving the South Florida Tri-County Region, the mission of the SPCA Wildlife Care Center (WCC) is to rescue, rehabilitate and release native wildlife that has been harmed or displaced; to treat and place certain domestic, exotic and farm animals; and to educate the public toward co-existence with all animals. With 4.5 acres of property, three ambulances, 70 employees and 600 volunteers, the WCC is home to up to 900 injured, harmed or orphaned wildlife at any given time. Last year alone nearly 14,000 sick, injured and orphaned animals were admitted to the SPCA Wildlife Care Center.

Over the past 38 years, the SPCA Wildlife Care Center has grown to be the largest facility of its kind in the nation. Located at 3200 SW 4th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, the WCC recently announced its first multi-million dollar capital campaign to fund a new, state-of-the-art wildlife hospital and education center to serve South Florida. For more information, please visit www.WildlifeCareCenter.org.

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