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# ART NIGHT

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Le Jardin's Art Night at the Rubell Museum marked a historic moment as it was Le Jardin's first year at the Rubell Museum. We are thankful to have had the opportunity to showcase the artwork of our incredibly talented children, families, and teachers in Miami's modern-day art mecca.

Le Jardin's decision to partner with the Rubell Museum allowed us to generate awareness of the impact of the Arts in education through creative interpretations.

What began eight years ago as a simple educational and interactive activity for the children and their parents, has evolved into a much-awaited tradition for our families and members of the community.

## *Le Jardin's Mission*

Enriched by the diversity of our community, Le Jardin Community Center, Inc. is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and families. We provide high-quality educational, recreational, and cultural activities as well as comprehensive services in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment.





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The rendition of artwork is a cultural enhancement activity designed to extend learning beyond the classroom and encourage exploration of the arts.

The process begins at least 3 months prior to the event, with students and parents learning about famous artists as they participate in instructional activities and hands-on learning using motor skill development, self-expression, and visual processing.

Students and parents learn about different art techniques, how to manipulate colors, work with different mediums, and implement brush strokes. Parent involvement is vital to the process of achieving the final product.



*Thank you, sponsors!*



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## *Sponsor Spotlight*



For over eight years, Le Jardin has had an important ally in the community, Brown and Brown Insurance.

Believing in our mission and commitment to our children and families, Brown and Brown has supported Le Jardin since the inception of the Art and Jazz Under the Stars Fundraiser, donating over \$20,000 through the years.

We are proud to have partners who, just like us, are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of others.



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Amerant Bank is one of the largest community banks headquartered in Florida.

Their appreciation for the arts and support of local artists, through their Amerant Art program, allows for a healthy artistic expression and creates social awareness.

Amerant has been a supporter of Le Jardin's mission and talent over the years. We are proud to have strong ties with community-focused institutions like Amerant Bank which has committed to over \$490,000 in charitable giving to non-profit organizations through South Florida.



# Sponsor Spotlight

Le Jardin would like to thank the following sponsors for believing in our mission to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable children and families and for supporting Art Night At The Rubell.

Kaplan Early Learning, Simply Healthcare, Plans, Ron Dorris Architects, Verdeja, De Armas, and Trujillo, The Law Offices of Salomon, Kanner, and Damian and Rodriguez, Greater Miami Caterers, Homestead Events Banquet Hall, Mayor Otis T. Wallace, Greer Wallace Attorney at Law, and Florida City Commissioner Sharon Butler, Commissioner Walter Thompson, Commissioner James Gold, and Commissioner Eugene Berry.



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Guests enjoying Le Jardin's Art Night at The Rubell on April 27, 2022.

This rendition of Brito's piece was made as a group project. Brito is one of the favorites as each year over 40 of his pieces are recreated.



This rendition of Homage to Romare Inspired by David Driskell was created by an Early Head Start teacher and a group of students. They used mixed media and tissue paper sheets to add texture to the flowers.



Dr. Andres Rodriguez, founder of Le Jardin's Prenatal Academy standing by his first purchase of the night.  
**Fun fact:** This sculpture was made as a class project by Head Start children and Teacher Anna Borowik. It was made with recycled toys from one of our classrooms and its torso is covered with straws. Its head is removable and its concrete base is covered with twine.

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Mera Rubell pictured with Le Jardin Executive Director Eduardo Berrones and Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer Audelia Martinez.



Chairwoman, Christine Moore and friends, Lourdes and Jeannette showed off the artwork they purchased.



Cónsul Adriana Torres, Director of the Cultural Institute in Mexico and Elsly Diaz Izquierdo, Community representative for the Mexican Consulate.



Zina Alhakim, VP- Commercial Relationship Manager, and Maria Olivera, VP-Middle Market Banking from Amerant Bank enjoying a drink in the garden.



Sponsors Ron and Peggy Doris smiling for the camera and showing their support.



Jamilet Diaz from Kaplan poses next to a recycled cardboard that served as canvas for one of the pieces created for the Rubell.





Olga from Homestead Events Banquet Hall with Le Jardin's Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer Audelia Martinez.

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Le Jardin Executive Director, Eduardo Berrones with Evelyn Alvarez from Brown and Brown Insurance.



Board Member Deana Goldin, Clinical Associate Professor, Family Nurse Practitioner Program Leader at FIU and husband, Keith Goldin.



Le Jardin Executive Director, Eduardo Berrones, conversing with Tom Jones from Brown and Brown Insurance.



Guests from Greater Miami Caterers enjoyed the event.



Chairwoman Christine Moore recognizes fellow Board Members Maria Olivera, Paola Usquelis, Karin Gerardin, and Deana Goldin.

# Teacher Appreciation Month

The first week of May we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week. Every day, we showed our teachers how much we value them with a different activity. From mariachis to flowers, they were showered with appreciation and love.



# *Festival del Día de la Niña y el Niño*

## **Day of the Child**

Gracias al Consulado General de México en Miami y a todos los aliados por invitarnos a ser parte de la celebración del día del niño y la niña! El Consulado, en unión con aliados comunitarios, sociedad civil, medios de comunicación y amigos de México, hicieron entrega de cientos de juguetes y se atendieron a más de 500 familias con apoyo de Ventanilla de salud, Marsoni Foundation, Florida Health Department, Ameyal Mexican Cultural Organization, Survivors Pathway, Mexican American Council, y México Entre Líneas (Club de Libros),

Le Jardin thanks all of the #communitypartners and the General Consulate of Mexico in Miami for making us part of their Day of the Child Celebration! Hundreds of toys were donated to our families and over 500 children and families received services such as Mammograms, Vaccines, Skin Cancer Screenings, Glucose exams and much more!

