

*For Immediate Release*

Contact:

Jennifer Mahoney, Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County

[jen@womensfoundationpbc.org](mailto:jen@womensfoundationpbc.org)

561-307-1634

**THIRD ANNUAL RAISE THE BAR EVENT RAISES \$35,000 FOR  
WOMEN'S FOUNDATION OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**

West Palm Beach, FL (April 8, 2013)—The Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County hosted its third Raise the Bar event at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach on March 21, 2013. More than 400 business people, legal professionals and elected officials attended the networking event. The Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County raised \$35,000 to provide scholarships to middle and high school girls to attend the Girls' Leadership Institute, which is presented by the Foundation. The evening featured Liz Quirantes of CBS 12 News as emcee, and two Girl's Leadership Institute attendees as guest speakers.

"This event was such a huge success, and for the third year in a row, we exceeded our fundraising goal," said Samantha Schosberg Feuer, co-founder and board member of the Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County. "Investing in women as problem solvers and leaders accelerates a shift toward gender equality and justice. Women have critical and different perspectives on the world's greatest social and economic challenges. The young girls who are able to attend the Girl's Leadership Institute due to the funds we raised at "Raise the Bar" are an investment in our future – they are our daughters, granddaughters, and community leaders."

"We couldn't have asked for a better turnout to the Raise the Bar event," said Nicole Atkinson, shareholder of Gunster and co-chair person of Raise the Bar. "It's rewarding to see so many in our community supporting programs like this which invest in the future of young women."

This event was made possible through the generous support of: PNC Bank, Florida Power & Light and Equestrian Sport Productions, and over 50 other generous personal and corporate sponsors.

The 6th Girls Leadership Institute, which will be held in the fall of 2012, is a program of the Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County for young women who show promise as leaders, but do not have the opportunities or resources to hone those skills.

*About The Women's Foundation of Palm Beach County:*

The Foundation was established in 2007 by a group of local leaders who share a commitment to investing in women and girls to encourage leadership and positively affect their economic, political, and social status.

###