

Empowering Voices

Cancer Alliance Of Help & Hope Welcomed The Duchess Of York During The 2025 Shop The Day Away Luncheon™

SARAH FERGUSON, THE DUCHESS OF YORK, CAPTIVATED THE SOLD-OUT CROWD of the 2025 Shop The Day Away Luncheon™ as she joined Stanton Collemer, CEO of Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope, to honor Chris Evert with the Lifetime Achievement Award. As a tennis icon, ovarian cancer survivor and enduring inspiration, Evert is a trailblazing champion and a role model in sports and beyond.

"Her strength, resilience and dedication inspire generations, and we were thrilled to present this award to her during the event," said Collemer.

He added, "The Duchess once again left a lasting impression on everyone in the room with her kindness, humor and sincerity in all that she shared. Her journey as a cancer survivor is truly inspiring, showcasing remarkable resilience in the face of adversity that has motivated countless others. Moreover, her dedication to philanthropy is genuinely admirable. We are grateful to all of those who joined us on this special day and helped support our mission to assist those fighting cancer."

The Duchess shared a rare glimpse into her recent adventures, projects and passions since last year's luncheon. Her encouraging sense of humor and positive perspective on life motivated everyone in the room. She also expressed her deepest gratitude to those who work in assisting local children, adults and families affected by cancer and helping with subsequent bills they acquire during the treatment and recovery process. "Together, we continue to champion hope," she said.

The luncheon began with a silent auction featuring new designer handbags, accessories, jewelry, home decor, beauty products, men's merchandise and items for pets. Luxury brands and fashion designers from around the world collaborated with local businesses in Palm Beach to support Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope in its mission to assist cancer patients in the community. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and featured presentations with Jay Cashmere as emcee and auctioneer Jay Zeager.

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Stanton Collemer, Chris Evert and Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York

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Israeli Council for Youth Organizations Delegation

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Bound By Strength

Jewish Federation Of South Palm Beach County Inspires Israeli Youth Delegation

ON FEB. 20, THE JEWISH FEDERATION of South Palm Beach County welcomed a delegation from the Israeli Council for Youth Organizations (COYO Youth) to learn from campus leadership and experience the impact of a thriving, centralized Federation.

The group, comprised of CEOs from Israel's largest youth organizations, was welcomed by Rabbi Josh Broide, director of the Deborah & Larry D. Silver Center for Jewish Engagement, and Tova Hocherman, the Federation's events director. They engaged in discussions on youth education, leadership and collaboration, inspired by the Federation's integrated model.

"We always look forward to welcoming guests, but hosting a large group from Israel during this time means so much to us," said Broide. "Their visit was a testament to the unbreakable bond between our communities."

The delegation toured Donna Klein Jewish Academy, Katz Yeshiva High School, Katz Hillel Day School and several agencies. They were particularly moved by the impactful work of JARC Florida and Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services.

The visit coincided with the return of members of the Bibas family to Israel — an emotional day for the Jewish people. Captured and taken to Gaza during the Hamas attacks on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, Shiri, Ariel and Kfir Bibas were tragically killed while in captivity. Despite the solemnity, the group left invigorated, eager to adapt the Federation's strategic vision to their own organizations.

"As COYO visited the Federation, we had the privilege of connecting with the incredible work of this community," said COYO Youth CEO Shlomi Castro. "Now more than ever, we choose to hold onto the belief that Jewish education and Jewish community are the forces that bring us closer, drive change and turn distances into opportunities for deeper connection."

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