



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MIAMI-DADE



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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade to Host 11th Annual “Claws for Kids” Fundraiser
in Memory of Judy Kramer at the Iconic Joe’s Stone Crab on May 3**
The Highly Anticipated Annual Spring Fundraiser is Back In-Person

Miami, Fla. — March 30, 2022 — Joe’s Stone Crab in Miami Beach will once again host [Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade’s](#) 11th Annual “Claws for Kids” in memory of Judy Kramer. The in-person fundraising lunch will take place on Tuesday, May 3, kicking off with a cocktail reception at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. Guests will enjoy delicious stone crabs and other signature menu items without the wait. Olga Guilarte and Lisa Mendelson are graciously co-chairing this year’s event.

“Claws for Kids” is held in memory of Judy Kramer, a longtime Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade Board member, who helped create the event and chaired it since its inception until her passing in February 2021.

Proceeds will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade’s many positive programs, including after school programs, homework assistance, computer training, social skills, dance, arts & crafts, professional mentoring, and summer and athletic programs.

“It’s an honor to be back at Joe’s for the 11th Annual ‘Claws for Kids’ lunch and awards ceremony,” said Alex Rodriguez-Roig, president of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade. “We look forward to seeing everyone back in person and enjoying Joe’s famous stone crabs as we honor Jim Haj, president and CEO of The Children’s Trust, with our 2022 ‘From the Heart’ award for his dedicated service and leadership in youth development in the community.”

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade supporters who cannot attend the event can still enjoy Joe’s famous stone crabs at home or on a date of their choice with the purchase of a gift card, just in time for Mother’s Day. To participate, guests must purchase sponsorship gift cards on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade’s website to benefit “Claws for Kids.”

James Haj, president and CEO of The Children’s Trust, will be awarded the 2022 “From the Heart Award.” Through his unwavering dedication and caring stewardship to Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade, Haj has made a positive impact on the lives of the Club’s youth members. Haj has 25 years of experience in teaching and administration at Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and “Claws for Kids” will coincide with National Teacher’s Appreciation Day on May 3.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade would like to recognize the following sponsors for their generosity: Presenting Sponsor, Carmen Rebozo Foundation; Jumbo Sponsor, Ocean Bank; Large Claw Sponsors, Anthony Abraham Foundation, Bermont Gold Wealth Advisory of Raymond

James, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Performance Team Sports, Publix Charities, Rae and Barry Stein, and Allison and Andy Stuart.

“Claws for Kids” sponsorship opportunities are available and range from \$500 to \$30,000. Individual tickets are available to purchase for \$350. To purchase sponsorships, please visit <https://bit.ly/ClawsForKids22>.

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About Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade

Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade has been serving youth in the community since 1946. What once was a single building and site for boys has grown to five Clubs serving thousands of boys and girls year-round, providing programs in the areas of character and leadership development, educational enhancement, career preparation, health and life skills, cultural arts and sports, fitness and recreation. Club staffing, initiatives, and programs are designed to inspire and enable area youth and provide them with the resources to succeed and share in the American Dream. For more information, please visit www.bgcmia.org, www.facebook.com/BoysGirlsClubsMiamiDade, www.instagram.com/bgcmiamidade, www.twitter.com/BGCMia, www.youtube.com/user/BGCMiamiDade, or call 305.446.9910.

About Joe’s Stone Crab

Joe’s Stone Crab, which celebrated its 107th anniversary in 2020, was established when Joseph Weiss came to Miami for a change of climate to help his asthma. Weiss opened a lunch stand, originally offering fish and fries, on Miami Beach, which eventually evolved into today's establishment. It is located at 11 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139. For more information, visit www.joesstonecrab.com.

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