

Tomorrow's Trailblazers

Children's Bureau of New Orleans recognizes those who give hope to troubled youth.

THE "CHILDREN'S HERO AWARDS" WAS DESIGNED TO SHINE a light on leaders in our community doing extraordinary work to advance the health and wellbeing of children.

Honorees present at the gala included: Kim Boyle, Leah Chase, Lloyd Dennis, Judy Reese Morse, Mrs. Miriam Ortique who was honored along with her husband, the former Judge Revius Ortique Jr. (honored posthumously), Greg Feirn, the Fore!Kids Foundation represented by board chair David Gallo and Ross Miller, Charity Committee Chairman and ReNEW Charter Schools represented by Gabrielle Misfeldt.

Laurie and Jeff Young hosted the event in their breathtaking Lakefront home and graciously provided a small jazz band from the House of Blues Foundation Room and a wine bar with lovely selections by Cakebread Cellars and Camus Winery. Fall-inspired floral arrangements and outdoor ambiance by Urban Earth made a gorgeous backdrop to a lovely evening under the stars.

The superhero theme was a salute to the Children's Heroes, complete with Wonder Woman, Batgirl and Spiderman present to take photos with party guests. Funtastic Fotos was on hand so guests could dress up with props and create a memory flipbook of the occasion. Sketch artist Kat Walker created caricatures.

Board chair Chris Foucheaux and Immediate Past Chair Jaimme A. Collins emceed a brief presentation on the honorees and spoke of the inspiration they all provide to a future generation of leaders in our city. Presenting sponsor Liberty Bank CEO Alden McDonald also said a few words about his support for Children's Bureau of New Orleans programs and the work they are doing in our city to curb violence, enhance education and help children find hope again in their lives after tragedy occurs. The event, in its second year, attracted 200 partygoers and raised \$40,000. ■

EVENT AT A GLANCE

What: "Children's Hero Awards," benefiting Children's Bureau of New Orleans

When: Friday, October 3

Where: Home of Laurie and Jeff Young

1. Hosts Laurie and Jeff Young 2. Super Heroes with Mayor Mitch Landrieu, honoree Judy Reese Morse and Cheryl Landrieu 3. Honoree Kim Boyle and the Honorable Jared Brossett

