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## The Palace Suites celebrates 10th anniversary milestone



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Ten years ago, Jacob and Helen Shaham, developers and owners of The Palace Suites, promised residents a new, luxury independent living community that would embody the very best of retirement living.

Not only have the Shahams fulfilled the promise to those first Palace Suites residents, they also have created one of South Florida's premier senior living communities.

Located at 11377 SW 84 St. in Kendall, The Palace Suites caters to active seniors and is part of a continuum of care campus which includes independent living, assisted living and nursing and rehabilitative care. The Palace Suites currently is home to nearly 200 residents.



Jacob and Helen Shaham are pictured with "Ambassador of the Year" Raie Spektor (center).

To celebrate the community's 10th anniversary, residents and their families recently were treated to a black-tie, Oscars-inspired gala award ceremony and gourmet dinner.

During the ceremony, the Shahams recognized those original 16 Palace residents individually and presented each with a commemorative gift for the occasion.

"We're truly honored that these residents were willing to take a chance on us and share our vision for the community. Each one of them has made significant contributions to our communities and we truly appreciate their loyalty," Helen Shaham said. "It's extremely gratifying to know that they continue to believe in The Palace Suites and have found such happiness in calling this their home for the last 10 years."

Throughout the evening, "Oscars" were presented to several residents in a variety of categories including "Athlete of the Year," "Lovebirds of the Year" and "Ambassador of the Year."

The audience was entertained by Palace Suites residents who drew rave reviews from the crowd for their performances, which included opera and Broadway standards. The Suites Sweets, a trio of residents, also wrote and performed a special song about life at The Palace Suites.

A slideshow capturing the community's past 10 years of growth was shown. Since opening in 1999, The Palace Suites has:

Served over 600 residents and families;

Provided full and part-time jobs with benefits for over 500 people, including high school and college students working part-time in the community's dining room. Company wide, The Palace Management Group is one of the largest privately held companies in Miami-Dade County;

Supported numerous charities and non-profit organization such as the Alzheimer's Association, Baptist Hospital, Redlands Christian Migrant Association and Susan G. Komen for the Cure;

Donated sponsorships, goods and services to the Kendall and surrounding areas, benefiting people of all ages and income levels;

Offered a gathering place for dozens of community groups to host events such as AARP, Hadassah and AMIT.

Following the gala, the 300-plus attendees gathered in The Plaza for an anniversary cake presentation and champagne toast.

For more information about the community, call 305-271-2220 or visit online at <http://www.thepalace.org/> >.

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