

SOCIETY

Mending Broken Hearts with Hope



Luncheon attendees visit the Mending Broken Hearts Boutique. The Boutique is a two-day shopping experience featuring curated vendors from across the country offering unique fashion and accessories while supporting the mission of The Shelter.



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Jim and Nichole Schmidt, the mother and stepfather of Gabby Petito, delivered a powerful and deeply personal message at the 26th Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon hosted by The Shelter for Abused Women & Children on Feb. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton, Tiburón. Since 2021, the Schmidts have transformed unimaginable

grief into advocacy, co-founding the Gabby Petito Foundation to support domestic violence survivors and families of missing loved ones. Their participation in this year's luncheon helped raise vital funds for The Shelter's lifesaving services, which provide safety, support, and hope to survivors of abuse.

For assistance contact the 24-Hour Crisis Line 239-775-1101. Visit NaplesShelter.org. ■

- 1. Linda Koehn, Judi Embrescia
- 2. Jackie Cronacher, John Jordan
- 3. Shari Kapelina, Denise Brown and Na-Ann Williams
- 4. CEO Linda Oberhaus, Jim Schmidt, Nichole Schmidt

- 5. Kristin Cartwright, Teala Comer, Allison Rainey, Jackie Nelson
- 6. Carin Keane, Stephanie Granada
- 7. Diane McCaw, Bettyann O'Neill, Jackie Cronacher
- 8. Skyler Wanberg, Roberta Beranek,

- Karen Colgain
- 9. Patti Erwood, Barbara Jordan
- 10. Linda Meak, Evelyn McGee, Katy Tetta, Kaydee Tuff
- 11. Former Naples Mayor Bill Barnett, Nichole Schmidt, Jim Schmidt



Florida Weekly welcomes submissions for the Society pages from charity galas and fundraising events, club meetings and other to-dos around town. We need 300-dpi photographs of groups of two or more people, facing the camera and identified by first and last names. Questions? Email editors@floridaweekly.com.

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