



Pictured l-r: Bert Rahm, Vice President and General Manager of Turner Construction Company, received the Camillo Ricordi Humanitarian Award; Diabetes Research Institute Director Dr. Camillo Ricordi; Lucy G. Carter, Senior Vice President of Project & Development Services of JLL, was honored with the Peter L. DiCapua Distinguished Service Award; Paul J. Amrich, Vice Chairman of CBRE, Inc., received the Leadership Award; and the evening's emcee, Fox Business Network's anchor Nicole Petallides.

Annual Empire Ball draws 1,000 guests

The real estate and construction industries joined together for the 33rd annual Empire Ball on Dec. 14 and raised \$1.25 million for the Diabetes Research Institute (DRI) and its mission to find a biological cure for diabetes.

The nearly 1,000 attendees mingled, made deals, heard some passionate speeches, dined and danced, making it the social and fundraising event of the season to help "Unlock the Cure" for diabetes.

This year, the Real Estate Division of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation (DRIF) honored Paul J. Amrich, Vice Chairman of CBRE, Inc., with the Leadership Award; Bert Rahm, Vice President and General Manager of Turner Construction Company, with the Camillo Ricordi Humanitarian Award; and Lucy G. Carter, Senior Vice President of Project & Development Services of

JLL, with the Peter L. DiCapua Distinguished Service Award. New Empire Ball Co-Chairs Stephen Rizzo of The Rizzo Group and James Halpin of Platinum Maintenance Services hosted the premier event.

The evening's emcee, Fox Business Network's anchor Nicole Petallides, kicked off the program by recognizing the events' sponsors with a special mention for Presenting Sponsor, Turner Construction Company.

Then, DRIF President and CEO Joshua Rednik thanked the industry crowd for more than three decades of tremendous support and introduced the Empire Ball "Unlock the Cure" video featuring successful islet cell transplant recipients and the honorees touring the DRI at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Since its inception, the Empire Ball has raised over \$36 million for diabetes research.

