

# Haute Living Celebrates The 6th Annual Haute Tea For Diabetes Research At The St. Regis Bal Harbour

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The ladies who lunch came together for a good cause as Miami's philanthropic fashionistas celebrated the **6th Annual [Haute Tea](#)** benefitting the **Diabetes Research Institute** at the stately **St. Regis Bal Harbour** resort. *Haute Living* was a proud media sponsor of the affair along with other partners including **Warren Henry Jaguar, Maserati, Neiman Marcus** and more with presenting sponsor, **The Leon J. Simkins Family Foundation**. The charitable luncheon was a huge success, raising \$85K to directly benefit the Diabetes Research Institute.

Event co-chairs Dana Swickle, Jillian Posner and Lauren Geduld at Haute Tea

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Following the cocktail reception, the ladies assembled at the resort's stunning ballroom space donning their most chic luncheon hats. The room was decorated with feminine touches of pink florals and purple lighting accents, with tables centered around a long catwalk runway. Guests indulged in a gourmet lunch from the St. Regis including breakfast scones, a caprese salad, ravioli or buttery chicken and decadent dessert trays with sips of champagne courtesy of **Jill Viner**

and an assortment of teas courtesy of **The Tonkinson Foundation**.



Dana Shear, Jillian Posner and Dana Rhoden

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Highlights included a high-fashion runway show presented by Neiman Marcus which featured trendy fall and winter collections from some of their top brands, followed by an energetic live auction. Offerings included in African getaway, a private jet experience from **JetSmarter** and more, as well as silent auction items like an \$1000 shoe shopping spree to Neiman Marcus.



Neiman Marcus Fashion Show at Haute Tea

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Notable attendees included Haute Tea founder and co-chair [Jillian Posner](#) along with fellow co-chairs **Dana Swickle** and **Lauren Geduld**, [Angela Birdman](#), [Stephanie Sayfie Aagaard](#), **Kathy Simkins**, Vice Mayor **Kristen Rosen Gonzalez**, Love and Hope Executive Chairman **Sandra Levy** and **Michelle Rubell**, DRI supporter **Uchi Botero**, and DRI scientist **Dr. Norma Kenyon**, along with many more socialites and philanthropic women of the Miami community.



Michelle Rubell and Kathy Simkins

And the charitable day wouldn't be complete without giving some recognition to the leading forces that made this all happen. **Jillian Posner** was awarded a certificate of recognition from the city of Miami Beach for the second year in a row, and Love and Hope National Chairman **Kathy Simkins** was honored as this year's honoree.

A special nod was also given to the best dressed ladies of the group, receiving unanimous



consensus for the best hats announced by special guest judges and fashion influencers **Danie Gomez-Ortigoza** of Journey of a Braid, **Lauren Cohen**, writer of SocialMiami.com's What to Wear Where Column, and **Maria Tettamanti** of The Wordy Girl – who had been browsing the room for the best hats, headbands, and fascinators throughout the day. **Suzy Buckley** won for Most Enchanting (best head to toe look), **Jenni Coba** for Most Whimsy (best look that fit the theme) and **Sherri Fox** for Haute Couture (best custom-made headwear).

Sherri Fox, Jenni Coba, Danie Gomez-Ortigoza, Maria Tettamanti, Suzy Buckley and Lauren Cohen

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