

## Palm Healthcare Foundation honors local nurses



Nurses Jessica Patino (front, from left), Inez Nascimento, Cheryl Morkan, Marge McManus, Marc Lefco, Mary "Patti" Joyce, Toni Harris, Karen Gullede, Constance Upshaw (back, from left), Karen Wisdom-Chambers, Julie Smith, Nuvia Rodriguez Machado, Latoya Wright, Norma Reyes, Barbara Bzura, Katie Clark and Peter Gonzales were honored Thursday night at Palm Healthcare Foundation's fifth annual Heart of Gold Nursing Reception at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach. Contributed by Palm Healthcare Foundation



On Thursday night at the Kravis Center, more than 300 people attended Palm Healthcare Foundation's fifth annual Heart of Gold Nursing Reception — an event that both honors outstanding local nurses and concludes the foundation's six-week long "Thank a Nurse" campaign.

The evening was emceed by CBS12 meteorologist Michael Ehrenberg and featured speeches by Palm Healthcare Foundation President and CEO Pat McNamara and Good Samaritan Medical Center chief nursing officer Cheryl Wild.

Palm Healthcare Foundation's 17 "Nurses of the Year" each received a gift certificate good for Sunday brunch for two at The Breakers Palm Beach.

The nurse honorees are: Barbara Bzura, of Ascension Catholic Church/Catholic Charities; Katie Clark, of Palm Beach Atlantic University; Peter Gonzales, of JFK Medical Center; Karen Gullledge, of Academy for Nursing and Health Occupations; Toni Harris, of Palms West Hospital; Mary "Patti" Joyce, of Children's Medical Services; Mark Lefco, of St. Mary's Medical Center; Marge McManus, of Good Samaritan Medical Center; Cheryl Morkan, of Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center; Inez Nascimento, of Delray Medical Center; Jessica Patino, of VITAS Healthcare; Norma Reyes, of the VA Medical Center; Nuvia Rodriguez Machado, of CL Brumback Primary Care Clinic; Julie Smith, of West Boca Medical Center; Constance Upshaw, of Palm Beach County Department of Health; Karen Wisdom-Chambers, of Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at FAU; and Latoya Wright, of Trustbridge.