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South Florida Urban Ministries celebrates moving people from poverty to prosperity with the third Annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Benefit Dinner

On May 4th, South Florida Urban Ministries (SFLUM) held their annual Benefit Dinner at the Rusty Pelican on Key Biscayne where Black Tie & Blue Jeans went Western this year. The event was an exceptionally fun-filled evening of dinner, dancing and a silent and live auction which included fine art, sports memorabilia, travel getaways and unique jewelry donated by many generous businesses in the community. The event raised over \$150,000 and will enable South Florida Urban Ministries to expand their after school tutoring and

mentoring programs throughout South Florida and to diversify their economic development and prosperity building initiatives. **As a result they will move even more children and families from poverty to prosperity.** This Benefit Dinner joined the talents of SFLUM's volunteers with the kindness of some of the most generous donors of our community and included over 350 influential business, religious and community leaders. Please contact the organization at (305) 442-8306 or info@sflum.org for more information regarding their worthy programs or how to get involved.

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