

AZ Insider: Celebs Turn Out for Childhelp

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the stories on people who make a difference.



Kathy takes us to the DRIVE the DREAM Gala.

Amidst all the thousands of classic cars during car auction fever in Scottsdale this week - the bidding at the Drive the Dream gala was revving way up. One of the items creating the bidding frenzy? It was CLASSIC !

The chance for **Michael Bolton** to be serenaded on stage - went for \$50,000. A gift from partygoer **Greta Faigen** for **Raphealle Tamura**. That included a dance across the stage with Dancing with the Stars' **Maksim Chmerkovskiy**. (**John O'Hurley**, helped DRIVE up the bidding.) Michael sang "When A Man Loves A Women" to **Raphealle** who was donning the heart necklace donated by **Dru Hammer**.



Cheryl Ladd, longtime Childhelp supporter and husband **Brian Russell**, and actress **Melissa Peterman** were also there.

The money raised for Childhelp? CLASSIC! One Million!



This year's Spirit of the Children honorees were **Pat and Bob Bondurant**. (They're pictured above, flanked by Childhelp founders **Sara O'Meara** and **Yvonne Fedderson** who received the American Academy of Hospitality Sciences award.) The **Nellie Jackson** Award named for **Craig Jackson's** mother, was presented by Craig to SEMA Cares. Pictured below left are the event's honorary chairs **Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson** and **Richard J. Stephenson** next to event vice chairs **Carol** and **Jim Hebets** as they keep an eye on the live auction.)



Co-chairs were **Char Hubble**, **Deborah Pshebniski** and **Erika Williams**. **Grimaldi's Pizzeria** was the event's presenting sponsor for the third year. (Thank you to **Joseph** and **Ivy Ciolli**.) Each day, it's estimated that more than 5 children die as a result of child abuse and the monies raised will help Childhelp fight those numbers!

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