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**DANCING UNDER THE STARS  
FOR THE AUDREY HEPBURN CHILDREN'S HOUSE**

Dancing under the Stars hosted by Mickey's Kids Charitable Foundation and Dance Team USA raised \$33,000 for the Audrey Hepburn Children's House (AHCH) at Hackensack University Medical Center. Two hundred and twenty people turned out for an enjoyable evening at Il Tulipano in Cedar Grove thanks to chairpersons Thomas and Michele Meli of Hasbrouck Heights, Patricia Settineri of Cedar Grove and committee.

The night was a testament to the success of Mickey's Kids, founded by Tom and Michele Meli, and its commitment to helping with children's causes. "To date, we have raised more than \$100,000 for AHCH through various venues and private donations," said Mr. Meli. "We want to do whatever we can to help the children; they deserve to be loved unconditionally. That's why we named Mickey's Kids after our dog. Mickey exhibits unconditional love to us and to the children he meets."

As an educator, Mrs. Meli teaches her students at the Academy of Our Lady in Glen Rock a significant life lesson - the importance of community service. Through Mickey's Kid's projects, "we are thrilled to continue educating the children in how to give back to their communities," said Mrs. Meli. Mr. and Mrs. Meli have guided the

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children in previous efforts throughout the years.

“This was such a wonderful event because of such caring people. We are so grateful for everything they do for our children,” said Anthony D’Urso, Ph.D., supervising psychologist at AHCH. “We are especially touched by the children who participate in the efforts of Mickey’s Kids. Children helping children is the ultimate gift.”

In 2002, the medical center dedicated the world’s first Audrey Hepburn Children’s House. A division of The Joseph M. Sanzari Children’s Hospital at the medical center, The Audrey Hepburn Children’s House is a state-designated Regional Diagnostic Center for Child Abuse and Neglect. The home uses a multi disciplinary approach to investigation, diagnosis, and treatment of child abuse, through collaboration with other child protection agencies.

To learn more about the Audrey Hepburn Children’s House at Hackensack University Medical Center, please visit [www.humc.com](http://www.humc.com).

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## PHOTO CAPTION:

Holding check, front row, left to right: Sophia Kranenburg, Briana Iannaccone, and Christen Duff. Second row, left to right: Caity Wood, Lauren Reers, Kacie Saar, Fiona MacDonald, Julia Toolen, Maggie Sheehan, Kaitlyn D'Angelo, and Kerrion Meseck. Top row, left to right: Anthony D'Urso, Ph.D., supervising psychologist at the Audrey Hepburn Children's House a division of The Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at Hackensack University Medical Center (HUMC); Colleen Kearny, RN, administrative director of Pediatric Ambulatory Medical/Surgical Services at The Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital; Patricia Settineri of Cedar Grove, Robert L. Torre of Hackensack, executive vice president of the HUMC Foundation; Jeffrey Boscamp, M.D., of Tenafly, chairman and physician-in-chief of The Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at HUMC; Brendan Rooney, Tom and Michele Meli of Hasbrouck Heights, Maureen Keating, RN, of New York, vice president of The Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at HUMC; and Julia DeBellis, M.D., chief of Child Abuse and Neglect at the Audrey Hepburn Children's House at HUMC.