The second Portrait of a Woman Spring Luncheon raised more than $15,000 to benefit Quantum House. The sold-out luncheon celebrated Women’s History Month by honoring some incredible local ladies.

“Our Grand Matriarch this year was Sydelle Meyer, who’s name is synonymous with cultural and community philanthropy in Palm Beach County,” said benefit founder Renee D. Plevy, a celebrated professional portrait artist who painted and donated each portrait.

“A lover of great art, bright colors and the generous gesture, Sydelle Meyer continues to be an active supporter of numerous local nonprofit organizations from the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County to the Norton Museum of Art, from Alzheimer’s Community Care to the Marshall Foundation for the Everglades to the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts,” added Plevy.

The other three distinguished women honored at the luncheon were: Ruth Young, Director of Sales & Marketing at The Colony Hotel; Rosemary Krieger, representing Boca Raton and South County and being honored for her volunteer work throughout the community; and Melissa Potamkin Ganzi, representing the Wellington area.

When people entered the Sailfish Club’s sunny dining room, they passed 13 easels, each holding an oil painting by Plevy of a Portrait of a Woman honoree, including that of 2012 Grand Honoree Dorothy Sullivan, who was unable to attend last year’s luncheon. The remaining portraits were of last year’s Matriarch Countess de Hoernle and Honorees Helen Babione, Sherry Frankel, Bobbi Horwich, Jacie Keeley, Lynda Levitsky and Dr. Maria M. Vallejo.

Singer Bernie Shanahan provided entertainment, and Tim Byrd “The Byrdman” served as luncheon emcee. Jack Shulman produced the poignant video spotlighting this year’s honorees, and Moneca Kauffman, president of Kauffman de Suisse Jewelry Design, who used the Portrait of a Woman logo to create special sterling silver keychains/pendants for the event.

Luncheon sponsors included GTP Cares and Ms. Meyer.

Honorary Chairs for the 2013 Portrait of a Woman Spring Luncheon were Etonella Christlieb of Palm Beach and Monica Erickson of West Palm Beach. Honorary Committee members include Edith Gelfand and Gail Worth from Palm Beach; Debbie Schwarzberg from West Palm Beach, Johanna Klausen of Royal Palm Beach, Geri Morrow from Singer Island and Joan Rubin of Boynton Beach.

The Co-Chair of the Committee was Bobbi Shorr and committee members include Shelley Cabangon, Kim Champion, Roberta Jurney and Patricia Turner.

Portrait of a Woman recognizes its annual Honorees and Matriarchs in a unique and personal way, through original oil portraits that are displayed at leading venues throughout Palm Beach County. In fact, the portraits of this year’s honorees have already been exhibited in Boca Raton and Wellington.

Renowned portrait artist and businesswoman Renee Plevy conceived this unique way to recognize the dedication of these women by painting a special portrait of each Honoree. Her 35 years of expertise painting notables is brilliantly displayed in these portraits that show the unique soul of these remarkable women.

“We use this event to raise much needed funds for Quantum House, a nonprofit hospital hospitality house. The only facility of its kind between Fort Lauderdale and Orlando, Quantum House was established in 2001 to provide a caring and supportive home that lessens the burden for families whose children are receiving treatment in Palm Beach County for a serious medical condition,” explains Plevy.

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