## Pony up for the homeless—'Cowboy Gala'

ecently, more than 400 guests enjoyed a true "Florida .Cowboy" experience at Ron Bergeron's Green Glades Ranch. Cowboys in Stetsons and rhinestone cowgirls danced under the Florida moon as they honored three community leaders; Aleida (Ali) Ors Waldman, Esq., the Leo Goodwin Foundation and AutoNation, Inc, for the dramatic impact they have made on how we help the homeless in our community. More than \$337,000 was raised to support Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc. (BPHI) that was celebrating the 10th anniversary

of the opening of the Broward County Central Homeless Assistance Center (Center) on the Huizenga Family Campus.

The 2009 James J. Blosser Community Trusteeship Award was presented to Ali Waldman for her tireless efforts to make Broward County a better place for all its citizens.

The Foundation Trusteeship Award was presented to the Leo Goodwin Foundation whose generosity has enabled BPHI to develop its successful solution-focused programs that have resulted in BPHI being acknowledged as a model program for reducing homelessness. Throughout the past 11-years, the Foundation's support has helped rebuild more than 13,000 lives, provided thousands of nutritious meals to the hungry, safe shelter and child care to families and job training to an eager work force.

In addition to financial support, Foundation Trustee Elliot Borkson provided visionary leadership as a passionate architect who built relationships with government leaders, local community groups and philanthropists to enable BPHI to be

the success it is today.

The 2009 Corporate Trusteeship Award was awarded to AutoNation, Inc. for their years of generous financial support, the donation of their executives' professional expertise and the volunteer efforts of their employees.

Gala especially Platinum Sponsors Other sponsors included: Bergeron Land Development, The Leo Goodwin Foundation, Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler, Attorneys at Law, AutoNation, The Batchelor Foundation, Emerald Assets & Ultimate Software, Robert & Cindy

Raymond and Sun Sentinel.

Co-chairpersons for the event were: Ron Bergeron, Elliot Borkson, Esq., Gale Butler, Dodie Keith-Lazowick, Ray de la Feuilliez and Debbie Orshefsky, Esq. Members of the Gala committee are Bob Benson, Kim Crossley, Arthur Greenfeder, Howard Hammer, Elizabeth Jacobs, Elliot Melamed, Kevin and Janice Leonard, John Primeau and Carlos Reyes, Esq.

For more information about the Broward Partnership for the Homeless and its programs, visit www.bphi.org.













1. Cindy Raymond, left, honoree, Ali Waldman and Robert Raymond 2. Bill Rotella 3. Rick Case, left, and Sheriff Al Lamberti 4. Diane Metcalf, left, Lorraine Thomas, Ron Bergeron and Ali Waldman 5. BPHI Board member, Joanne Snead braves riding the bull. 6. Fred Perry of Bank of America with corporate honorees from AutoNation, Michael Stephan, Gale Butler and Jim Teufel with **BPHI CEO Frances Esposito**