



Saddle Up for RANCH ROAM

by Marla Lazarus

On Saturday, March 25th, Ron Bergeron's hundred acre Green Glades Ranch will play host to the 10th Annual Ranch Roam benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County. In November 2006, the Admirals Club will open and become the newest venture for the Boys and Girls Clubs.

The Boys and Girls Clubs provide positive opportunities for "at risk" children attending the clubs. The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from challenging circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

David Hughes, CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County states, "Ranch Roam has grown into one of our most significant events during its ten year history. Through the hard work of co-chairs Ron Bergeron, Polly Willkie, along with Rita and Rick Case, it has blossomed into a signature event for our clubs, raising nearly two million dollars through an action packed western party that sells out before the invitations hit the mail."

As the "Real Wild West" comes to Broward, over 700 "Cowboys and Cowgirls" will descend on Ron's "home on the range". This unique and perfect setting of green pastures on an operating ranch will offer a wide range of festivities for the evening's authentic "hoe down". Guests will witness a gunfight, milk a cow, rope a steer, ride a bull and much more. So, dust off your wide-brimmed hats and boots and get ready for a night

to remember with a fabulous gourmet dinner, entertainment, silent and live auction.

TV screen star of the hit show "Sex in the City", John Corbett, will be the star entertainment for the evening. Corbett is launching his country western career.

Ron Bergeron says, "My family and I are proud to be a part of this event and to open up our home to such a great cause. It is a good feeling to work with an organization where you can see immediate results benefiting children. There are a lot of good people in this community that continue to support this event and that's why we're so successful." Come join the chairs of the event, Polly, Ron, Rick and Rita for a memorable time.

"I think Ranch Roam is the most popular event because everyone wants to help children. It is a fantasy to dress up as a cowboy or cowgirl on a real ranch and while doing it we are raising lots of money for the clubs," said co-chair, Polly Willkie.

"Each year, this wonderful event provides funds for the units to be able to continue offering services to the kids in a positive environment. This casual fun event is the highlight each year and knowing it goes to a great cause makes it even better," states Rick Case. Sponsorships are available for this fabulous event. For additional information, please call Matt Organ at (954) 983-0422 or email mattorgan@hotmail.com. **WL**