

MIAMI – October 30, 2018 – The Miami Chapter of Asociación Emergencia Ayacucho (AEA), a non-profit organization benefitting orphan and abandoned children in Ayacucho, Peru, held its annual fundraiser gala “A Night in Tropicana” on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the Coral Gables Country Club (997 N. Greenway Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33134). With an inspired Cuban Tropicana theme, AEA Miami was proud to welcome Latin GRAMMY winner Lena Burke who performed a special musical presentation that was a delight to the participants.

A Night in Tropicana surpassed the success of AEA Miami’s 2017 gala, and this is extremely exciting as so much can be accomplished with the funds raised to benefit the children of Ayacucho. Serving as the gala emcees, AEA Miami was pleased to welcome Univision Emmy award winning journalists Eileen Cardet and Jorge Hernandez from WLTV’s daily morning news show *Al Amanecer*. This year, the AEA Miami Honorary Chairman of the Gala was Rex Fabrics’s President Ricardo Aldama, who is a strong supporter of the organization.

Inspired by the elegance and memories of the colorful Cuban Tropicana Club, the gala brought together approximately 360 guests who enjoyed the sounds and ambiance of Cuban nostalgia as they sipped delectable rum and pisco cocktails. Show-stopping Tropicana performances delighted guests while they dined and danced the night away for a cause that benefits forgotten children in the Peruvian highlands.

“We are happy to offer this exciting theme for our generous supporters who each year help us meet and surpass our goals for the orphan and youth homes we support in Ayacucho,” said AEA Miami President Violeta Cepeda. This year, the gala started at 7PM with a delectable cocktail hour and silent auction items featuring travel and leisure, fine jewelry, fine art, and much more.

To attend this event participants made an online donation of \$175 per person by visiting www.AEAMiami.com/Donate. They also had the opportunity to purchase tables for 10 at \$1,650 each; become platinum, gold or silver sponsors; finance or provide in-kind underwriting opportunities; contribute items for our silent auction; and make donations to our cause.

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 - Anais Conde - Snake-skin Gucci handbag
 - Julian Chang - Gift certificate
 - Amal Sohl - Yellow dress by Lenovia
 - Maurice Jeweler - Italian necklace
 - Marisol Casola's La Per Salon - Hair products basket from Salern and gift certificate
 - Ana Lorenzo - Santayana necklace and cross pendant
 - Beauty by Mercedes - Gift certificate
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 - Dominique Boutique - Pashmina and cashmere shawl
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 - Carmen Tower - Dress by Julian Chang
 - Leslie Ames - Brass and gold-plated necklace from Golden Bar Boutique
 - Cristina Sayman - Silver choker necklace by Platelli
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 - Gloria Barbier - Necklace and earrings by Maria Elena Head Pieces
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