

Miller Motorcars sponsors event to help Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress

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A benefit to fund scientific research for the treatment of Down Syndrome was held on March 29, at the Ferrari Show Room of the Miller Motorcars.

Professor William Mobley, Director of Neuroscience Institute, Stanford University, Calif., was one of the guest speakers. Mr. Mobley spoke about his research into the extra chromosome that causes the cognitive problems in people with Down Syndrome. Emily Perl Kingsley, scriptwriter for Sesame Street author of *Welcome to Holland* and the winner of 12 Emmy Awards, spoke on behalf of those afflicted with Down Syndrome. Emily has a son with DS.



From left, Dr. William Mobley, Pari Kreutter Hirsch, Emily Perl Kingsley, Richard & Cyndi Koppelman of Miller Motorcars, Markley Rizzi, Chelsea Kirwan and Dr. Laurence Kirwan attended a Miller Motorcars event to support the Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress.

The cocktail reception catered by Susan Kane Catering entertained 112 attendees. A very exciting live and silent auction included a signed drum head by Ringo Star and Zak Starkey, American Ballet Theater and Metropolitan Opera box seats, guitar signed by Brian Wilson, "Maserati for the Weekend," and other expensive items.

Pari Kreutter Hirsch, Markley Rizzi and Chelsea Kirwan co-chaired the event and approximately \$100,000 was raised from ticket sales as well as auction items. Newman's Own Foundation donated \$10,000, there were several private donations of \$10,000. Our special thanks go to S.A.C. Foundation, Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress, The Michael Bolton Charities and all others who have made this event a huge success.