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FASHIONABLY CONSCIOUS

Prada, Chanel and Dior anyone? Society's styling set have donated their dresses, shoes, bags and more for a great cause. Partygoers turned out for the Fashionably Conscious kickoff soiree at the home of **Rafael and Marijean Miyar** in Coral Gables. The intimate reception at the Miyar's home welcomed members of the main event's host committee including **Raysa Fanjul, Darlene Pérez, Natasha** and **Lena Lowell, Lourdes Jofré-Collett, Margarita Codina, Joile Souto Dueñas, Judy Zeder** and more to get the donating started. In September, patrons will have the opportunity to attend the

big bash and purchase these spectacular items at the third annual Fashionably Conscious affair to benefit Coconut Grove Cares' The Barnyard Community Center, which sustains and offers free after-school and summer programs for more than 250 children and provides a much-needed safe haven for the West Grove community. And you should see those phenom choice items! Hosts and supporters donated items for the sale including pieces from designers Catherine Malandrino, Carlos Miele, Dolce & Gabbana and David Meister. And so far, there are Prada dresses, Chanel shoes, Tod's and Christian Dior bags, an Ángel Sánchez ball gown, Roberto Cavalli and Gucci pants, and St. John, Fendi, Badgley Mischka, Carolina Herrera, Richard Tyler and YSL suits. Wow! The kickoff reception was a success and attendees enjoyed treats from Basque catering and even shopped a bit themselves as Nanis, an Italian jewelry line, featured a few pieces at the kickoff and donated 30 percent of sales from the evening to the charity. The FC Executive Committee including **Ali Codina, Liza Walton, Claudia Miyar, Marcia Martínez, Silvia Larrieu, Annette López, Monica**

Defortuna, Annie Lord, and **Rebecca Mandelman** are working hard to make this year's event another big winner for the center.



Natasha Lowell and Darlene Pérez at the Fashionably Conscious kickoff.