



Theresa and Robert Copolongo with their three children, Michael, 5, Bobby 8 and Victoria, 1, attend a fundraiser for Michael's Cause at The Vanderbilt on the South Beach Boardwalk. It was a tremendous success thanks largely to the Michael's Cause committee. Another fundraising event hosted by Staten Island 4 A Cure and staged at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn, Rossville, also raised funds for the cause.

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

A sold-out fundraiser to benefit **Michael's Cause** March 30 that saw 500 guests converge at the Vanderbilt on the South Beach Boardwalk, was a tremendous success thanks largely in part to the Michael's Cause committee. Michael was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy within the past year at just 4 years of age and

since that time family members and friends have founded the non-profit organization dedicated to finding a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

The event raised about \$50,000 for Michael's Cause and an additional \$20,000 in monetary donations.

Among the larger contributors were 1st Choice Industries (main sponsor) and Titanium Construction Services, The **Dr. Theodore A. Atlas** Foundation, **Rainieri** Jewelers and the NYPD Sergeant's Benevolent Association.

Floral arrangements were provided by Eltingville Florist. Funds raised by Michael's Cause will be directed to research to help for better treatments and a cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

In addition to individual and corporate donors, family members and friends, also to be acknowledged are faculty members and staffers the PTA at PS 36, Annadale.

Note that the Copolongo family, Michael's Cause founders, parents, **Jennifer** and **Michael**, are extremely grateful for all of the support received. Future events, including dinner dances, golf outings, etc. are being formulated. Visit Michaelscause.org, for additional information.