Dedication of *Embrace* at Helen K. Persson Society Reception

Donors, guests and community leaders gathered on March 28 to pay tribute to members of the Helen K. Persson Society and celebrate the dedication of *Embrace*, a monumental sculpture on The Kravis Family Plaza by artist Robin Oglesbee-Venghaus, who was in attendance with his wife, Mary Kate Whitford.

In 2015, Oglesbee-Venghaus, then a student at Pratt Institute, won the Performing Arts Sculpture Competition hosted at the Kravis Center in partnership with the design school. Kravis Center Founder Member and Pratt Institute Trustee Bruce E. Newman was the creative force behind the collaborative effort to design a commemorative sculpture honoring Society members who make a completed gift of $10,000 or more to the Kravis Center’s Permanently Restricted Endowment Fund.

Diane Quinn, Kravis Center CEO, thanked Jane Mitchell, Board Chair from 2013 to 2016 and current Board member, for her leadership and generosity of the *Embrace* project by saying, “Let me begin with special recognition of Jane Mitchell who supported our recent Capital Campaign by selecting *Embrace* as the most meaningful gift recognition opportunity for her. Jane has been involved with the project since the sculpture competition in 2015.”

“Tonight, we honor the vision of Helen K. Persson Society members who share a commitment to ensure the Kravis Center will endure and flourish for many generations to come,” said Jeffrey Stoops, Kravis Center Board Chairman. “These individuals have either made a current gift to the Center’s Endowment Fund or have designated a gift to the Kravis Center in their estate plan.”

The Society now has 157 members, and the current market value of the Endowment Fund is $26.7 million.

Sponsored by Bernstein Private Wealth Management for the 11th consecutive year, Senior Managing Director Evan Deoul shared with guests the benefits of effective communication among multigenerational families for optimal success in achieving their philanthropic goals. ■
**Embrace Sculpture**

On The Kravis Family Plaza in front of the soaring glass-curtain facade, the Embrace sculpture displays the names of Helen K. Persson Society members who have made a completed gift of $10,000 or more to the Permanently Restricted Endowment Fund.

**From the Artist**

While to some it may simply serve as a beautiful place to sit, Embrace has a deeper meaning. It represents the community of individual donors who are embracing and—through their generous donations—uplifting the arts. Each donor’s name is carved on the sculpture, honoring their support and inspiring the next generation of Helen K. Persson Society members.

**For More Information**

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**The Culmination of a Dream**

*The Kravis Center is a thriving monument to the creative power of thousands of hours of planning and personal commitment by a very diverse community.*

This cultural beacon is representative of how private enterprise can work together without compromise to provide for the arts now and for future generations. Five decades ago, my vision was for Palm Beach County to change from being just one of the great resort areas to truly one of the great cultural and economic growth centers in our country. It’s really come out even better than I imagined.

The Kravis Center continues to be a source of inspiration for our community, always building on great traditions as a good steward for the future. Just 30 years ago, this parcel of downtown land in the City of West Palm Beach was vacant and barren.

Today, it is a modern miracle of cultural, economic and tourism success, and is an ongoing tribute to an enlightened community that rallied to raise the money for the Kravis Center to open debt free. This is a culmination of a dream for me. People count on the Center to be here, to continue to grow and to find new meaning and new definitions for the arts at every performance. That’s quite a legacy.

I believe what so many worked passionately to build must now be preserved through our collective commitment to build the Center’s Endowment Fund. I have provided for the Kravis Center in my estate planning; I hope you will join me.

—Alexander W. Dreyfoos

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**Embrace Members of the Helen K. Persson Society in Attendance**

*Front row: Debra Elmore, Beth Schwartz, Jane Mitchell, Fruema Nannis Klorfein, Sherry Barrat, George Elmore*

*Middle row: John Mike, Caryl Firth, Margaret May Damen*

*Back row: Maureen Gardella, Charles Williams, Tom Bennett, Robin Oglesbee-Venghaus*
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Beth Schwartz, Debra Elmore

Ann Webb, Caroline Harless

Kravis Center Embrace

Arlene Paris, Rosalind Murray

Gail and Irwin Cohen

Caryl Firth, John Mike

Erna Schulz, Phyllis Horodner

Joe Sanches, Edith Friedheim, Peter Cruise

George Elmore and Marti LaTour

Joel and Annette Levinson

Jonathan Klorfein, Fruema Klorfein, Madeleine Tasini

Susan Mark, April Margolin

Ali Rehm, Tom Bennett, representing Cathy Kraut Lewis Charitable Foundation, Wells Fargo

Lynda Miller, Donna Abbott

Vanessa Young, Palm Beach County Commissioner

Mack Bernard
Shine a Light on Your Values

Taking time to think about and document what’s important—and why it’s important—can help you connect more deeply with the people and places you hold dear.

For example, caring supporters of the Kravis Center share a commitment to help us sustain the artistic and educational excellence for future artists and audiences.

Here are some ideas for how you can forge more meaningful connections and pass along your generous spirit.

• Have you recently attended a performance that made you happy? Consider an enduring legacy to your love of the arts.
• If you feel connected to a current event, see if nonprofits you support are responding and ensure they are set up for success.
• Go beyond dollars and cents. Volunteering is a great way to give back. Also, inviting friends and family can be an effective way to introduce them to your passions.
• Your values can unlock others’ generosity. Letting loved ones know what you care about can help you connect. It could even bring them to support the causes you cherish.

Tell your story by keeping a running document (a generosity journal or ethical will) that gives an account of who you gave to, why you gave to that nonprofit, how it made you feel and how that nonprofit’s mission fits into your overall value system.

Your estate plan is a powerful way to show your love for favorite causes, such as the Kravis Center. To learn more about ways a gift in your estate plan can make an impact for the quality of life in our community, contact the Development Office at 561.651.4320 or damen@kravis.org.

Organize Your Important Papers

Do your loved ones know where you keep your important papers? Send for Your Guide to Locating Important Documents, a FREE resource to help you list all the vital information they may need, giving them—and you—peace of mind. Return the reply card today to get yours.

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The Kravis Center’s mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by:
1. Presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality.
2. Offering comprehensive arts education programs.
3. Providing a Palm Beach County home for local and regional arts organizations in which to showcase their work.
4. Providing economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism in Palm Beach County.

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