



1/ Michelle Fuerstman and Nick Gannon 2/ Keynote speaker Amy Spencer with CASA O.C. CEO Regan Dean Phillips 3/ Friends of CASA President Inga Sanders-Marcereau with the Starfish Wish Trees. 4/ A model turned heads in a showstopping gown from Monique Lhuillier. 5/ Matheus Cabral Butera and Barclay Butera 6/ Holiday Luncheon co-chairs Liz deSousa and Marjie Zethraus Mros



ON THE SCENE Fostering Love

THE PARTY Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club was merry and bright for the annual **Friends of CASA Holiday Luncheon**. The seasonal fundraiser fetched a record-breaking total of over \$670,000 for the abused, neglected and abandoned children that Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) serves. **THE PEOPLE** **Liz deSousa** and **Marjie Zethraus Mros** chaired the daytime affair, which was made possible by a 55-member volunteer committee led by Friends of CASA President **Inga Sanders-Marcereau**. Guests fulfilled the wishes of 220 children living in foster care through the Barclay Butera Interior Design-sponsored Starfish Wish Trees, bid on silent auction items and enjoyed an elegant fashion show featuring designs from South Coast Plaza's Monique Lhuillier boutique. **THE PINNACLE** Keynote speaker and CASA volunteer, **Amy Spencer**, shared her inspiring CASA story, and CASA O.C. CEO **Regan Dean Phillips** celebrated the organization's momentous milestones. Attendees indulged in a delicious lunch and wrapped up the day vying for a \$28,000 diamond-clad bracelet from Lugano Diamonds, which raffle winner **Sara Taylor** took home. *BY ALLISON MITCHELL*

