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# United Aid for Sri Lankan Children

In response to pleas for help for the Sri Lankan child tsunami victims, there was an outpouring of support at a special benefit held at the Englewood Field Club. The benefit included a silent auction, dinner featuring Sri Lankan cuisine, entertainment by soul singer Justin Matthews and a live auction. The event was organized by Englewood resident Sandra Joseph Nunez, a Sri Lankan native. The funds raised benefit established, voluntary non-governmental organizations in Sri Lanka with proven track records of providing ongoing, dedicated, health and human services to children left homeless or orphaned by crises in that country. James Gandolfini, Julia Barr Hirschlag, Lori Stokes and Aidan and Elizabeth Quinn served on the honorary planning committee.

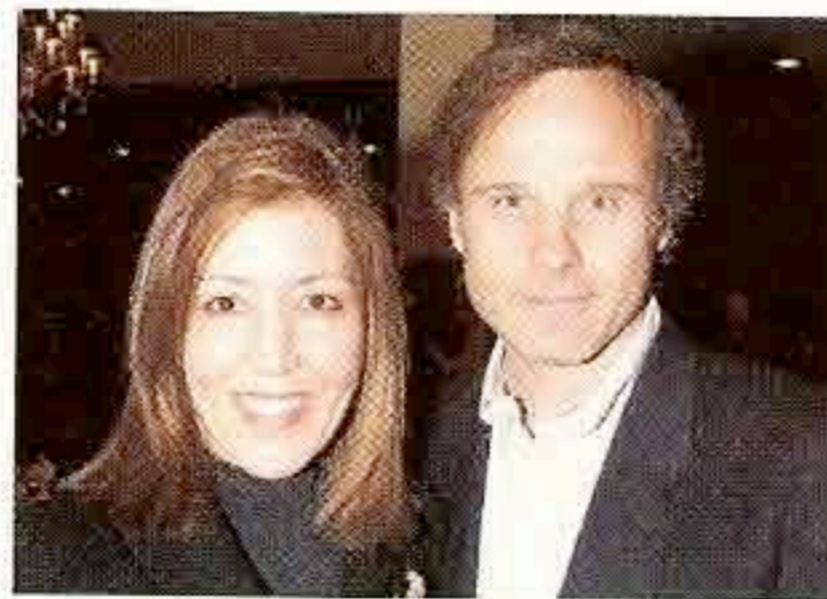
Photos by Michael Bocchieri



Guest speaker John Alex, actor Aidan Quinn and Sandra Joseph Nunez, event organizer



Dr. G.A.P. Ganepola from Valley Hospital gives a first hand account of his travels to help Sri Lankans.



Helen and Patrick Herssens of Englewood



Alex Nunez of Englewood makes a video of the event.



**Sitting:** Kathleen Lieblich, Rockleigh; Elyse Anderson, Tenafly; Victoria Jones, Englewood; Roxanna Ortiz, Englewood. **Back row:** Alex Nunez, Englewood; John Donnachie, Alpine; Anisa Kablouti; Copper Wright, Teaneck; Jordan Pearce, Haworth; Sandra Joseph Nunez, Englewood; Jenna Donnachie, Alpine



Lori Stokes, Angela Thomas, Michele Spooner and Stacey Spooner



Organizing Committee members: Savitri Weerackody, Englewood; Alyson Donnachie, Alpine; Mary Opulente Krener, Garden City, NY; Melinda Pearce, Haworth; Sandra Joseph Nunez, Englewood; Allison Davis, Teaneck; Manelle Nunez-Martino, Englewood, Julie Kablouti, Englewood

Event organizer Sandra Joseph Nunez speaks with Englewood Mayor Michael Wildes.

