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Society Doubles Down

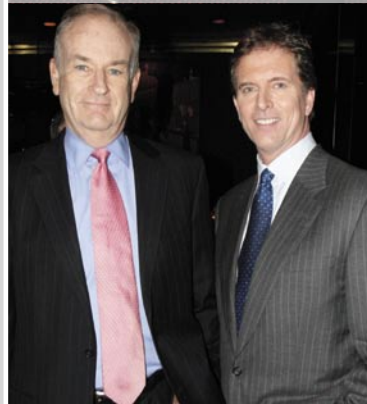
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THE NEW YORK CHILD Learning Institute (NYCLI) and local New York television station WB11 recently honoured popular news anchor Gentleman Jim Watkins at a dinner dance at Doubles, the private club in the Sherry-Netherland Hotel, for his years of community service and his commitment to children living with autism. Local media and society came out in grand fashion for an evening of champagne cocktails, dinner, dancing and a special video tribute to the evening's honoree. A man of great stature, intellect and compassion, Jim believes that charity begins at home. He is a family man to the core and is blessed with a lovely wife Lauren Thierry Watkins and son Liam, himself afflicted with autism. Recognising the power of his platform, Jim Watkins devoted himself to not only improving the life of his own autistic son, but by supporting outreach and fundraising efforts on behalf of NYCLI, he put himself in the shoes of every other parent who has to cope with bringing up an autistic child.

For his passion and efforts, a substantial six-figure sum was raised that evening to help the NYCLI provide autistic children with critical educational, social, leisure and job training skills, and to fund medical research in autism.



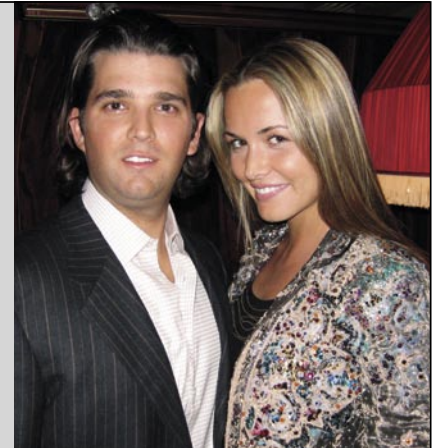
Ms Gillian Miniter, Mr Robert Lindgren and Ms Wendy Carduner



Fox News Media Personality, Bill O'Reilly and evening honoree, WB11 news anchor, Jim Watkins

AT DOUBLES CLUB FOR THE THE NEW YORK CHILD LEARNING INSTITUTE (NYCLI) AND WB11 GALA HONOURING NEWS ANCHOR JIM WATKINS, FOR HIS YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HIS COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN LIVING WITH AUTISM

AT THE FASHION WEEK LAUNCH PARTY AT FIZZ FOR ASIAN AMERICAN DESIGNER ANAND JON



Mr Donald Trump Jr. and Ms Vanessa Haydon Trump



Ms Kristen McGinnis and art consultant Michel Witmer

AT THE 52ND ANNUAL WINTER ANTIQUES SHOW OPENING NIGHT PARTY, BENEFITING THE EAST SIDE HOUSE SETTLEMENT AT THE PARK AVENUE ARMORY

AT BELLEVUE HOSPITAL'S REACH OUT AND READ (ROR) 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT THE GREAT CALL IN COOPER UNION



Mr Sean Collins, actress Julianne Moore and Ms Mary Jo Collins

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BELOW: Whether a luxury hotel or private home, the Christina O impresses
PRECEDING PAGE: The affair between Onassis and Greek opera singer Maria Callas continued on board



Ms Silda Wall Spitzer and leading Democratic gubernatorial candidate, attorney general Eliot Spitzer



NYPD police commissioner Raymond W. Kelly

His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan, Mrs Anne Mara and Mr Nick Mastronadi

AT THE HOME OF GILLIAN AND SYLVESTER MINITER FOR A COCKTAIL PARTY IN HONOUR OF NEW YORK STATE SENATOR DAVID PATTERSON FOR HIS SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS HARBOUR



Ms Somers White Farkas, Ms Joanne de Guardiola, Ms Chelsea Clinton and Mr Peter Martins

AT THE 70TH CYO ANNUAL CLUB OF CHAMPIONS DINNER AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

AT BLOOMINGDALES FOR THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAN BALLET (SAB) KICK-OFF COCKTAIL PARTY, IN HONOUR OF THE WINTER BALLET BALL AND THE LAUNCH OF THE WATERFORD BALLET COLLECTION

AT ALVIN VALLEY'S FALL 2006 COLLECTION AFTER PARTY AT THE W HOTEL IN MIDTOWN, NEW YORK CITY



Ms Coralie Charriol Paul, Ms Gillian Hearst Shaw, Ms Kat Cohen and Ms Dori Cooperman