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USET Foundation's 'Victory in Versailles' Benefit Gala Presented By Lugano Diamonds Raises More Than \$2 Million

Funds raised from the event will support U.S. equestrian teams headed to 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Wellington, Fla. — The United States Equestrian Team (USET) Foundation's "Victory in Versailles" Benefit Gala, presented by Lugano Diamonds and co-chaired by Patti Scialfa and Bruce Springsteen, raised more than \$2 million to support the U.S. equestrian teams competing at the upcoming 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, France.

Held on Friday, January 19, 2024, at Five Rings Farm in Wellington, Florida, the event attracted approximately 600 guests and featured a live auction and entertainment by Patti Scialfa and Bruce Springsteen. On stage, the pair joined The Legends of The Voice, a premier band showcasing the stars of NBC's hit show "The Voice," presented by entertainment sponsor, HUB Private Client.

The USET Foundation's prestigious annual awards were also presented during the gala. USET Foundation Chairman, President, and CEO W. James McNerney, Jr. was presented with the R. Bonnie Duchossois Distinguished Trustee Award; up-and-coming show jumping athlete Zayna Rizvi was presented with the Lionel Guerrand-Hermès Trophy; and five-time show jumping Olympian and Olympic gold and silver medalist McLain Ward was awarded the Whitney Stone Cup.



Bruce Springsteen and Patti Scialfa joined The Legends of The Voice, a premier band presented by entertainment sponsor HUB Private Client, on stage at the "Victory in Versailles" Benefit Gala presented by Lugano Diamonds.

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"Sustaining competitive excellence at the highest levels of equestrian sport on the international stage requires hard work, an unwavering commitment, and significant resources," said McNerney. "Unlike some other countries, U.S. equestrian sport does not receive government funding. Our teams rely predominately on support from the USET Foundation and the organization's and sport's dedicated and loyal donors.

"I'm thrilled that 'Victory in Versailles' was an outstanding success and raised more than \$2 million for our country's equestrian programs," McNerney continued. "In addition to supporting our US Equestrian (USEF) High Performance Programs and elite athletes and horses, USET Foundation funding also supports developing athletes through USEF's High Performance Pathway Programs such as the FEI North American Youth Championships and USEF's international developing tours."



Decor for "Victory in Versailles" included breathtaking florals and Parisian elements.

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Bonnie B. Jenkins, Executive Director of the USET Foundation, said, "Each and every donor plays a critical role in helping our country's athletes and teams achieve greatness on the most prominent international stages, and I'm very grateful to our community for sharing in this vision and contributing to the success of 'Victory in Versailles.' It truly takes a village. Special thanks to Zacharie and Louis Viniros for hosting this event at their beautiful Five Rings Farm. In addition to all of those in attendance, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our benefit chairmen and committee members, presenting sponsor Lugano Diamonds, entertainment sponsor HUB Private Client, wine sponsor Château de Reignac, and event professionals GLDN Events, Creative Edge Parties, and Renny & Reed Florals and Event Design."

Scialfa and Springsteen were also among those instrumental in making a lasting impact in the event's success thanks to their live auction donation of a VIP concert experience and travel on the tour plane with Springsteen and the E Street Band, which was ultimately auctioned twice. Notably, a historic villa in Tuscany, Italy, donated by Glen Senk and Keith Johnson, was also purchased two times during the live auction, and Casa de Casas, a Mexican oceanfront escape donated by the Casas family, garnered several enthusiastic bids and support for the U.S. equestrian teams.

On the heels of a successful event, McNerney and the team at the USET Foundation look forward to cheering on the U.S. equestrian squads in the exciting and critical months ahead.

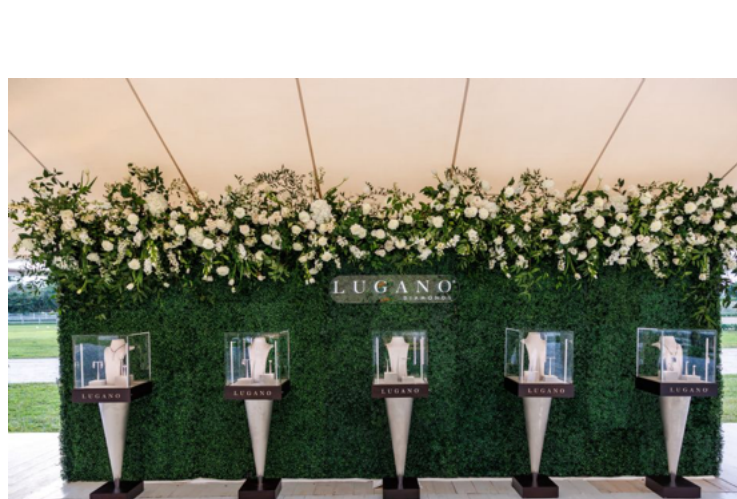
"This is a momentous year with the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris, held on the grounds of the historic Palace of Versailles, in plain view," concluded McNerney. "The money raised will ensure our teams have the resources to be prepared for the biggest stage in sport."

Scenes from "Victory in Versailles"



The Viniros Family

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Presenting sponsor Lugano Diamonds showcased its fine jewelry.

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The "bosses," W. James McNerney, Jr. and Bruce Springsteen

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The entrance to "Victory in Versailles" at Five Rings Farm

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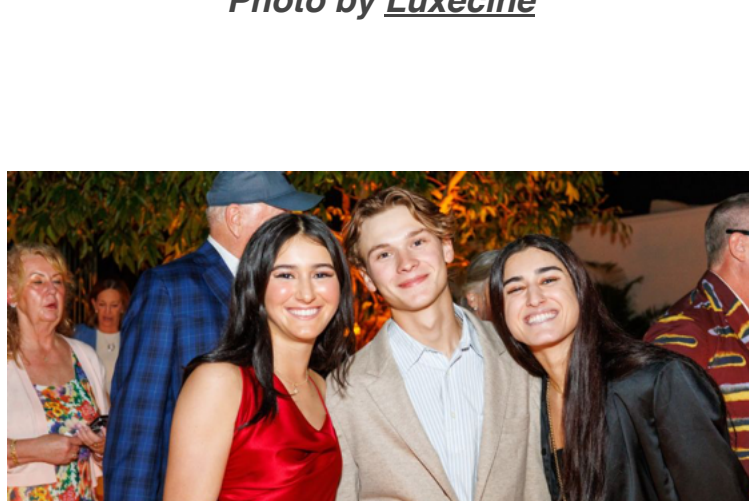
U.S. Paralympic para dressage gold medalist Roxanne Trunnell and Karin Flint

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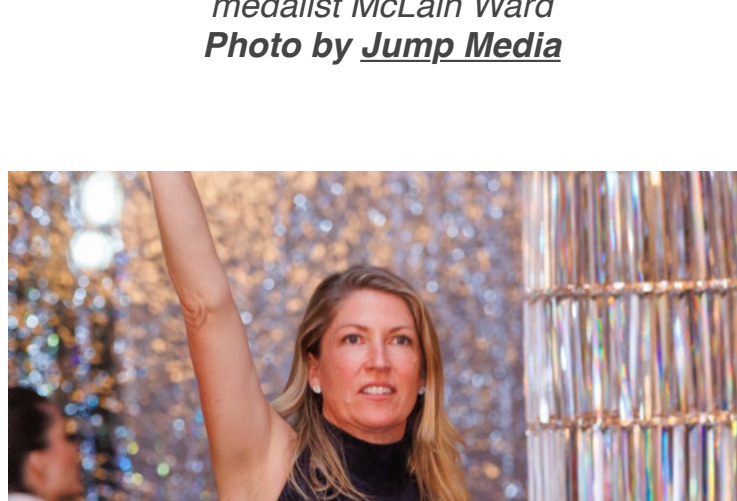
Whitney Stone Cup recipient and U.S. Olympic show jumping gold and silver medalist McLain Ward

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Lionel Guerrand-Hermès Trophy recipient Zayna Rizvi with Judah Singer and Yasmin Rizvi

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MK Pritzker, W. James McNerney, Jr., J.B. Pritzker, and Tom O'Mara

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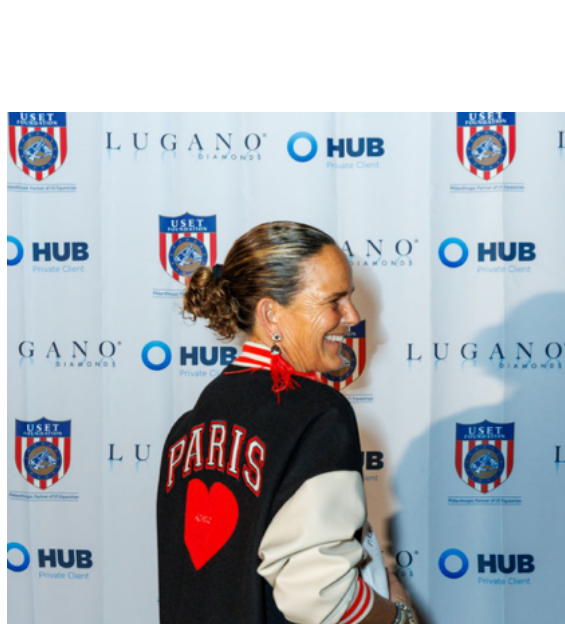
The bar at "Victory in Versailles"

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U.S. Olympic show jumping silver medalist Jessica Springsteen and Monica McCourt

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Caroline Moran

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NOTE: A separate press release highlighting the USET Foundation award recipients will follow. For media interested in additional photos, quotes, and coverage from the "Victory in Versailles" Benefit Gala, contact Kara Pinato Scro at kara@jumpmediallc.com.

The United States Equestrian Team Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports the competition, training, coaching, travel, and educational needs of America's elite and developing international, high performance horses and athletes in partnership with the United States Equestrian Federation.

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