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15th Annual Cocktails for JARC Raises over \$53k to Support Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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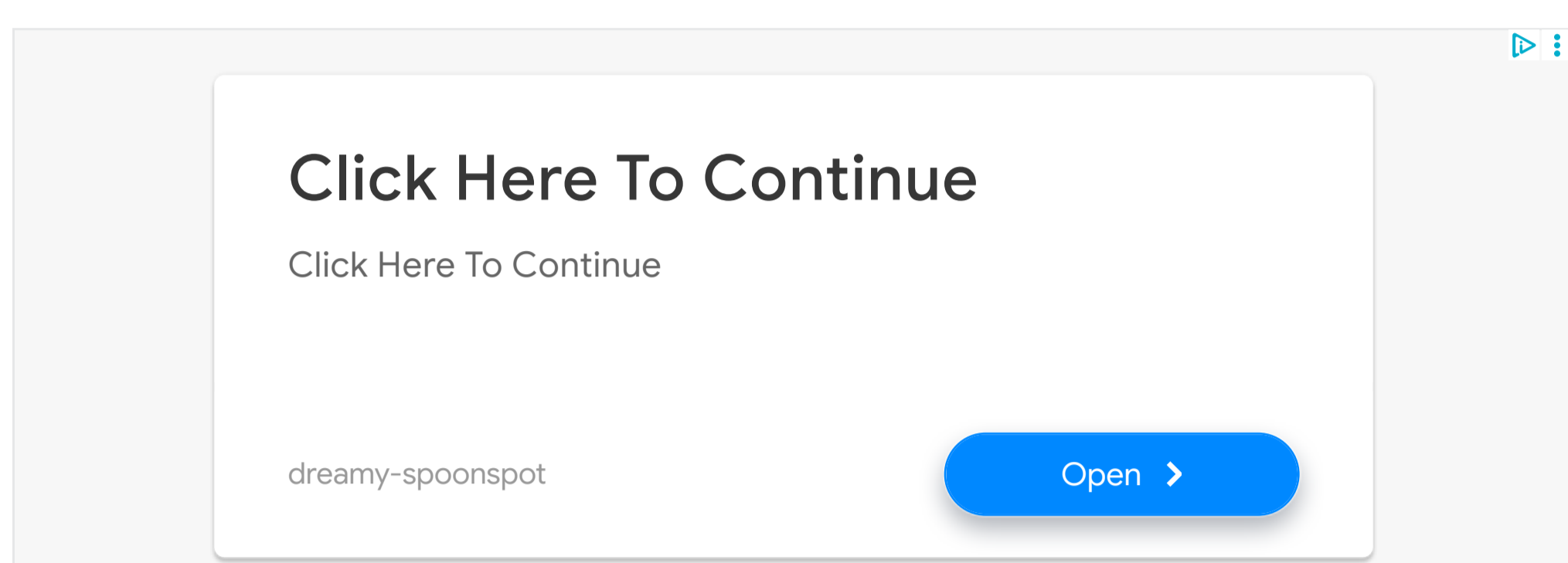
More than 150 Guests Came Together in Downtown Delray Beach to Celebrate and Raise Funds for the Nonprofit

Boca Raton, FL – September, 10, 2025 – **JARC Florida**, a nonprofit organization based in Boca Raton, which provides programs and services to educate and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, raised a record-breaking \$53,400 at its *15th Annual Cocktails for JARC* event on August 19. [Boca Raton event listings](#) [Florida real estate investment](#)

Held at Good Night John Boy in downtown Delray Beach, the event drew more than 150 guests for an evening of celebration and philanthropy. Proceeds from ticket sales, raffles, sponsors and donations will directly fund the nonprofit's Community Works Program, an initiative that partners with local businesses to provide job training and community-based employment opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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"The State of Florida recently slashed the budget for our Community Works Program from \$425,000 a year to just \$125,000," said Jeff Zirulnick, CEO of JARC Florida. "The funds raised will help us maintain operations, including client and staff wages, and provide critical transportation to and from worksites. We are beyond thankful for everyone who continues to support this program, which not only provides valuable employment and vocational training but also builds confidence and independence in our clients." [Florida real estate investment](#)



With 15 years of success, *Cocktails for JARC* has become a cornerstone fundraiser, bringing together community members, donors, and partners. This year's event was co-chaired by the JARC FL Sibling Society. [Florida real estate investment](#)

JARC Florida, a non-sectarian organization based in Boca Raton, provides programs and services to educate and empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism. The organization's vision is to remove barriers to independence so that each person with intellectual and developmental disabilities is better able to reach his or her potential. JARC currently operates ten group homes in the Boca Raton and Delray Beach area for adults with developmental disabilities. JARC offers apartment living for those who do not require 24-hour supervision as well as vocational training in the Mel & Elaine Stein Living and Learning Center. The organization was created in the mid 1980's in response to the needs of families with adult children with developmental disabilities. Learn more at <http://jarcfl.org>.

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