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By Johanne Cadet

While some were gathering fireworks for the July 4 holiday, wealthy real estate developer Thomas Kramer was gathering sponsors and prepping his Miami mansion for a party to benefit Haiti.

On July 4, Kramer opened the doors, or more accurately, the gates to his Star Island home where neighbors include Gloria Estefan, P Diddy, Will Smith, Rosie O'Donnell, Shaquille O'Neal and Madonna.

Kramer, a German **real estate developer** who had a hand in the redevelopment of South Beach, is also an energetic philanthropist aimed at rebuilding Haiti's fourth largest city Jacmel, which was severely devastated by the January 2010 earthquake.

For \$500, any member of the public could join Kramer by the pool on July 4, sipping premium cocktails from an open bar, noshing on barbecued foods and pounding the dance floor, all while overlooking picturesque Biscayne Bay.

Celebrities such as Dennis Rodman, Maria Celeste, Vanessa Bell Calloway, Diamond Lee Roth of Van Halen, Michael Bay, Peter Nygar and Suzie Ketchman of VH1 series Basketball Wives were all in attendance.

While the media buzz has died down since the earthquake, Kramer has held steadfast as an ambassador of sorts for Jacmel. On his website www.worldoftk.com Kramer offers insider footage of Jacmel with videos showing the current struggle and progression of the country.

Kramer lives as a pioneer and example of the wise proverb, "To whom much is given, much is expected."



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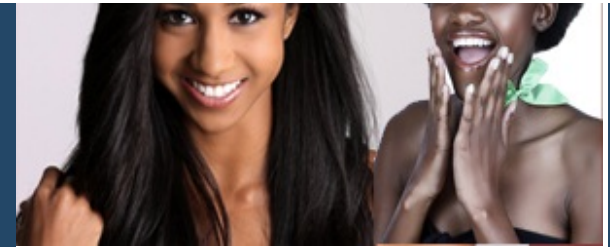
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