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### Youk's big Hit

**Red Sox** slugger **Kevin Youk** and his fiancée, **Enza Sambataro**, were a big Hit at **Avila** last night, where they introduced No. 20's new foundation, **Hits for Kids**, to a championship-cheery crowd.

Nearly 350 of Youk's pals, including teammates **David Ortiz** and **Dustin Pedroia**, owners **John Henry**, **Larry Lucchino** and **Tom Werner**, and **New England Patriots** fashionisto **Laurence Maroney**, made the scene at the charity's first fund-raiser.

Also spotted in the crowd: football hero **Doug Flutie** with wife, **Laurie**; former **New Kid Jordan Knight**, nightclub nabob **Patrick Lyons** and funnyman **Mike O'Malley**.

Hits for Kids will benefit the **Italian Home for Children** and **Joslin Pediatric Health Services** in Boston as well as other kiddie charities in Youk's hometown of Cincinnati.

The three-hour hoedown was a Youkfest of cocktails, canapes and lots of babes in little black dresses at **Steve DiFilippo's** Back Bay eatery. There was also a silent auction of special Sox-abilia, such as **Pedroia's** autographed game cleats and a bat signed by **Manny Ramirez**. Not to mention tickets to preseason games, LOTS of diamond bling and much, much more.



STAFF PHOTO BY LISA HORNAK

**Red Sox slugger Kevin Youk and fiancée, Enza Sambataro, greet guests at Avila last night at No. 20's debut of his new children's charity, Hits for Kids.**

The foundation will have its first big public fund-raiser "Crackin' It Up" at **Mohegan Sun** on Nov. 10 hosted by O'Malley, who is known for his long-running **CBS** sitcom, "Yes, Dear" and his unwavering Sox support.

owners **Tom Werner** and **John Henry** have made some post-**World Series** plans.

Werner is producing a flick with "Bachelor No. 2" gal **Kate Hudson's** latest squeeze, **Dax Shepard**. "Get 'Em Wet" is a comedy about a pair of hot tub salesmen who go to Japan to ply their trade.

Shepard, who was with **Kate** during her Boston "BN2" shoot, was recently put on waivers by the actress, who, if you believe the tabs, is attempting to reconcile with suicidal ex, **Owen Wilson**.

Meanwhile, Werner's partner, **John Henry**, a hard-rockin' head banger, is heading to London next month for the much-ballyhooed **Led Zepelin** reunion at the **O2 Arena**.

But first, he's gotta watch his team climb the Stairway To (baseball) Heaven. Of course.