

Kevin Spacey wows the crowd with impersonations, stories

House of Cards actor wines and dines at Best Buddies fundraiser

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Rob Giardinelli and Lance Avery Morgan

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Although Academy Award-winner **Kevin Spacey** was the main attraction at the annual [Best Buddies](#) fundraiser on Saturday night, a few surprising characters nearly stole the show.

Some endearing and engaging buddy ambassadors from the non-profit, which creates meaningful one-on-one friendships for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mingled with the usual society suspects including **Gregory Burk**, **Diane Lokey Farb** and **Pat Breen**.

Spacey enthusiastically greeted arrivals and then the actor, whose sinister portrayal of fictional United States President Frank Underwood in Netflix's "House of Cards" led to his first Golden Globe win last year, posed for pictures with some 150 fans for nearly two hours. Meanwhile, Spacey's official buddy and keynote speaker **Charles Calhoun** entertained partygoers in the [Moët & Chandon](#) champagne and [Hennessy](#)-filled cocktail lounge.