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The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children honored **Barbara Bush** the other night for her hard work on its behalf. More than 500 guests came to praise her at the dinner dance at Chelsea Piers. The always charming and often provocative Barbara had the crowd howling when she told them, "I have had a wonderful life — two presidents in the family, five children, 15 grandchildren and only two dress sizes. My husband, the first **George**, was and is the greatest man of all." Barbara was then escorted to the dance floor by her old friend from Hobe Sound and Greenwich days, **Nelson Doubleday**. They whirled around the dance floor to applause and to the strains of **Bob Hardwick** playing "The Man I Love."

Doubleday was the publisher of Mrs. Bush's three books, including her bestseller about her dog Millie. She said she is now working on her memoirs. This should be the best seller of all.

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