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Wende Zornir, Laura Khouri and Margaret Bayston

## Laura's House rocks it

It was a brilliant evening this fall for British rock 'n' roll fashion, when more than 300 supporters of Laura's House filled Newport Beach's Island Hotel for "The British Invasion" gala. Sponsored by Laura Khouri and Michael K. Hayde, it was the signature fundraiser for the nonprofit dedicated to ending domestic violence. Guests — including the evening's honorees, Urban Decay cosmetics co-founder and Chief Creative Officer Wende Zornir and Pam Jacobson, founder of The Healing Sanctuary — were greeted with classic rock 'n' roll tunes, cocktails and a luxury silent auction. And was that a Mick Jagger impersonator?

But behind the playful theme was a serious message, underscored by speaker Karen Stine. Stine recounted her eight years living in an abusive relationship and how she was helped by Laura's House, where she recently celebrated 18 years as an employee. "This annual event is so important each year, and helps Laura's House sustain its life-changing programs for families affected by abuse," said Khouri House board president.

The gala netted \$650,000 for the charity, which over the past 22 years has provided shelter and support services to more than 5,000 women and children, and other assistance to nearly 52,000 more.

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Chanelle Jacobson, Pam Jacobson and Karen Noblette



Mark Williams and Karen Stine



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Laura Khouri and Michael Hayde