



Charity Spotlight: Laura's House Gala Welcomes a British Invasion on Sept. 24

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Laura's House, a Southern California nonprofit committed to ending the silence of domestic violence, will hold its 22nd annual gala on Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach.

Presented by Laura Khouri and Michael K. Hayde, the British Invasion-themed event will unite Laura's House supporters and raise critical funds to sustain the nonprofit's emergency shelter, counseling and awareness programs and legal advocacy services for survivors and families of domestic violence.

Two Laura's House advocates will be presented with a Crystal Heart Award for their contributions to the organization's longevity and success: Founder Pam Jacobson of The Healing Sanctuary and global cosmetics icon Urban Decay.

Since 1994, Laura's House has committed to bettering the lives of Orange County families affected by domestic violence. This year, the nonprofit expanded its reach with the opening of a Domestic Violence Advocacy Center in Garden Grove to serve victims with legal support and counseling resources. The expansion addresses an unmet countywide need for advocacy services and prepares victims for restraining order hearings and more.

"This event is our most important annual fundraiser and helps ensure our life-changing programs and services continue for victims of domestic violence," said Margaret Bayston, Laura's House CEO and executive director. "Each year, we look forward to an unforgettable night with loyal Laura's House supporters, as well as new faces, and mobilizing advocates to ending the vicious cycle of domestic abuse."

Presenting sponsors for the 2016 gala are Laura Khouri and Michael K. Hayde.

Double Platinum sponsors include Argyros Family Foundation (founders George and Julia Argyros live in Newport Beach), The Jacqueline Glass Family, The Joe MacPherson Family, Urban Decay, and Verizon.

Platinum Album sponsors are The David Ball Family, Park Newport Apartments, Dick and Donna Pickup, The Thompson Foundation. and Haskell & White LLP.



2015 honorary gala chairs Julia and George Argyros

Individual tickets are \$250, and table sponsorship opportunities start at \$3,500. For additional information, visit laurashouse.org/gala.

About Laura's House: The mission of Laura's House is to change the social beliefs, attitudes and the behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence while creating a safe space to empower individuals and families affected by abuse.

For more than 20 years, Laura's House has served those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence. Over the past two decades, Laura's House has provided shelter and support services to more than 4,000 battered women and children and counseling, life skills education and legal assistance to nearly 50,000 people.