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## **Laura's House HOPE Golf Tournament Raises \$62,000 For Domestic Violence Services, Programs**

*Annual event inspires and creates 'hope' for families touched by domestic violence*

**LADERA RANCH, Calif., Aug. 10, 2016** – [Laura's House](#), an acclaimed nonprofit committed to ending domestic violence, held its fourth annual HOPE Golf Tournament at picturesque [Marbella Country Club](#) in the lush hills of San Juan Capistrano on Aug. 8. The event, sponsored by South County Lexus and chaired by Monica Timpe, raised \$62,000 to benefit Laura's House and its critical programs, including an emergency shelter, transitional housing, a 24-hour crisis hotline, legal services and counseling and education programs.

“For 22 years, Laura's House has provided countless invaluable services to more than 50,000 people throughout Orange County, and we couldn't offer these critical services without our cadre of loyal Laura's House supporters, including everyone at today's tournament,” said Margaret Bayston, CEO and executive director of Laura's House. “We are particularly encouraged by the strong showing by men in this annual event – men who stand emphatically for a world free of domestic violence.”

After the spirited golf tournament, participants and Laura's House advocates enjoyed dinner, silent and live auctions and an awards program. Guests also heard from courageous teen dating violence survivor AP Guerrero. As a teenager, Guerrero suffered verbal, emotional, psychological and financial abuse at the hands of his then girlfriend. After months of cruelty, Guerrero's mother stepped in and encouraged him to leave his abusive relationship. With the help of Laura's House, he is now living a safe, happy and violence-free life.

Committee members at the tournament included Darren Aitken, Sera Chayalan, Debra Corley, Deanna Gilpin, Melissa Levens, Dawn McKahan, John Medler, Pat Lustig and Mike Zalke. The 2016 HOPE Golf Tournament Founding and Silver Sponsor was South County Lexus and Mr. Pat Lustig; Additional Silver Sponsors included: Active Captive Management and Fluidmaster; Platinum Foursomes: Aitken Aitken Cohn, TD Ameritrade, AutoTrader, Capistrano Toyota, Danny's Detail, Ernst & Young, Jerry Harrington, HittelmanStrunk Law Group, LLP, Irvine Company, Lutzky Associates Development, Monica Timpe, TravisMathew and Matt West.

### **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. Connect with Laura's House on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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