



Laura's House holds luncheon in Newport

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Left, Margaret Bayston, CEO and Executive Director of Laura's House, and Mary Anna Jeppe, Founder of The Decorative Arts Society of Newport Beach and Brighter Futures award recipient, pose for a photo during a luncheon April 29 at the Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach.

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REPORT

It was a day of inspiration, appreciation and hope for the future as nearly 200 supporters of Laura's House, a Southern California organization dedicated to the prevention and education of domestic violence, gathered at the Balboa Bay Resort.

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The first annual 'Brighter Futures' Luncheon on April 29, chaired by Laura's House advocate Donna Pickup, highlighted the critical community work of the nonprofit and honored those who have helped Laura's House advance its mission to rebuild the lives of families affected by domestic violence.

Each luncheon table was hosted by a significant community leader or local designer and featured personalized décor inspired by the theme of providing brighter futures for Laura's House families.

Nationally recognized healthy relationships expert, author, psychotherapist and Laura's House board member Dr. Jill Murray was the luncheon guest speaker. She discussed the importance of prevention and education, and how to stop the cycle of violence before it begins.

Laura's House also presented Brighter Futures Awards to those who have made extraordinary efforts to provide brighter futures for families served by Laura's House. Honorees included The Decorative Arts Society of Newport Beach, which has donated over \$250,000 to assist domestic violence victims, and Nicole Prusty, an Aliso Viejo resident who spreads awareness about domestic violence by educating and encouraging her peers to get involved with the nonprofit.

The event also included an opportunity drawing with gifts from Barclay Butera Interiors, SoulCycle Newport Beach, Bacara Resort & Spa and more. Luncheon guests enjoyed an artisan boutique featuring jewelry by James Kanan and hand-woven pashminas by Teji Singh, with a portion of proceeds benefiting Laura's House.

Event sponsors included: Laura & Mark Feld, Laura Khouri & Mike Hayde, Pacific Hospitality Group, Donna & Dick Pickup, Cheryl Osborn and Casey Wolin. In-kind sponsors were [Urban Decay](#) and [Queen Tut Events & Design](#).





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Left, Cheryl Osborn, Laura's House board member and president of CASCO Contractors, and Dr. Jill Murray, guest speaker and Laura's House board member, pose for a photo at a Laura's House Luncheon held April 29 at the Balboa Bay resort in Newport Beach.

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