

***Fights Silence of Domestic Violence*****Laura's House Celebrates First Year in Ladera**

Laura's House, an organization committed to changing social beliefs, attitudes and the behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence, celebrated the one year anniversary of its corporate offices and counseling and resource center in Ladera Ranch.

To commemorate the event, Laura's House held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.

The new offices are adorned with hand-painted tiles created from the "Buy a tile, make a smile" drive.

The initiative raised funds through the sale of tiles that donors and clients painted to illustrate what Laura's

House means to them and the community.

The offices are also decorated with artwork from the clients of Laura's House and captivating black and white photography illustrating various clients' experiences while receiving services at Laura's House.

"The new facilities have greatly enhanced the services that we can provide, further empowering those affected by abuse," said Margaret Bayston, CEO and Executive Director of Laura's House.

"We are proud to hold this celebration and welcome the community to see our facilities and hope that

the tiles will bring happiness and cheer to all who pass through our doors for years to come."

About Laura's House  
Laura's House is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the silence of domestic violence by changing the social beliefs, attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence while creating a safe space in which to empower individuals and families affected by abuse.

The organization strives to reduce the incidence, recidivism, and intergenerational cycle of domestic violence through education, counseling, support, case

**First Anniversary** -- Many supporters turned out for the first anniversary of Laura's House in Ladera Ranch and a special ribbon cutting ceremony, presided over by Laura's House Executive Director, Margaret Bayston (cutting the ribbon), and Laura's House Board President Wayne Pinnell. Far right is Ladera Ranch Chamber President Sherrie LeVan.

management and life skills training for victims of all ages.

Laura's House provides unduplicated domestic violence-related services to the 860,000 residents of Orange County and surrounding counties.

For more information about Laura's House, visit [www.laurashouse.org](http://www.laurashouse.org) or call 949-361-3775.