

# Laura's House Kicks Off Public Phase of Capital Fundraising

Laura's House recently initiated the public phase of its \$4.5 million Cornerstone Capital Campaign, which was launched in September 2010 to fund the re-build of its emergency shelter and expand its Step Ahead transitional housing program for shelter graduates who are in need temporary housing while they rebuild lives that are free of violence.

To date, Laura's House has raised more than \$3.8 million, and is looking for the community's help in raising the remaining

\$700,000, which will be used to fund the purchase and renovation of the Step Ahead Transitional Housing facility.

Amy Borst, Clinical Director for Laura's House says, "Without a viable option for long-term housing, women and children who are fleeing violent homes are often forced into homelessness, or must return to their abusers.

"Housing is essential for obtaining and maintaining employment, child custody and family stability. With



the purchase of a separate facility to house our Step Ahead transitional program, we can now expand this program to provide a greater care for our shelter graduates and their children, which will in turn improve their chances of success as they rebuild their lives."

Laura's House is offering numerous public naming opportunities, starting at \$100 for painted wall tiles,

**Leadership** – Wayne Pinnell, Laura's House board member and chair of the Cornerstone Capital Campaign, and his wife Karen highlight the naming opportunities that are available to the public during the final phase of the Cornerstone Capital Campaign.

potted plants and others.

For more information on how to contribute to Laura's House during this final phase of the Cornerstone Capital Campaign, please call (949) 361-3775, or visit [www.laurashouse.org](http://www.laurashouse.org).