

## Rock the Journey

► *Laura Khouri, president, Western National Property Management; gala chair, Laura's House*

More than 300 supporters of **Laura's House** came together at the **Newport Beach Country Club** on Oct. 2 to mark the nonprofit's 27th Anniversary.

Themed, **Never Rock Alone**, the event raised more than \$700,000 for services benefiting domestic violence victims, including residential shelter services, counseling and legal services, and prevention and community outreach programs among others. Funds raised also will support the "The Power of the Journey" capital campaign for the new **Laura's House Domestic Violence Resource Center** in Aliso Viejo, Orange County's first multi-service collaborative focused on holistic domestic violence-related services.

Event speakers included opening remarks from **Laura Khouri**, president, **Western National Property Management** and gala chair and **Margaret Bayston**, CEO and executive director, **Laura's House**.

The "Power of the Journey" capital campaign committee co-chairs, **Wayne Pinnell**, CPA, **Haskell & White LLP** and **Cheryl Osborn**, president and CEO, **Casco Contractors Inc.**, said that \$5.8 million of the \$10 million capital campaign goal has been raised to date, due in part to a recent \$250,000 donation from **Robert Olson**, president and CEO, **R.D. Olson Development**, which was announced at the event.

**Marla Robinson**, partner, **Merhab Robinson & Clarkson Law Corporation**, was presented with the **Laura's House Crystal Heart Award** for her dedication, commitment and support of the **Laura's House** mission.

**Khouri** and **Michael K. Hayde**, chairman of the board and CEO, **Western National Group**, were the presenting sponsors for the gala. Other key sponsors included **Lisa Argyros**, the **Argyros Family Foundation** and the **Nancy and Geoffrey Stack Family Foundation**, the **Thompson Foundation**, **Farmers & Merchants Bank**, **Haskell & White**; **Merhab Robinson Clarkson Law Corporation**, **ShurDry Restoration**, **R.D. Olson Development** and **U.S. Bank**.



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## Laura's House Gala Raises More Than \$700,000 for Vital Domestic Violence Services

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**LAURA'S HOUSE**  
Inspiring Hope and Empowering Change to End Domestic Violence

**When:** Saturday, October 2nd  
**Where:** Newport Beach Country Club  
– Outdoor Lawns  
**Raised:** Over \$700,000  
**Attendees:** 310



(L-to-R) Laura's House Capital Campaign Committee Co-Chairs **Cheryl Osborn**, president/CEO Casco Contractors, Inc and **Wayne Pinnell**, Managing Partner, Haskell & White, LLP on stage at the Laura's House 27th Annual Gala on Oct. 2, 2021, at Newport Beach Country Club



(L-to-R) **Margaret Bayston**, CEO and executive director, Laura's House; **Marla Robinson**, attorney at Merhab Robinson & Clarkson, Law Corporation and Laura's House 2021 Crystal Heart Award winner; **Laura Khouri**, Laura's House gala chair at the Laura's House 27th Annual Gala on Oct. 2, 2021, at Newport Beach Country Club



(L-to-R) **Laura Khouri**, president, Western National Property Management and Laura's House gala chair and **Michael K. Hayde**, chairman of the board and CEO, Western National Group at the Laura's House 27th Annual Gala on Oct. 2, 2021, at Newport Beach Country Club



Laura's House graduate and Board Member, Christina, shared her inspiring story with guests.

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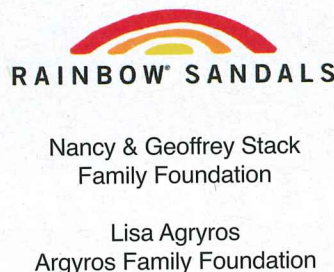
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