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Step Back in Time Steps Up Donations

► Dan Weeks, vice president of community banking and district manager at Wells Fargo, accepts the Crystal Heart Award from Laura's House executive director and chief executive, Margaret Bayston, and Laura's House Board Chairman Wayne Pinnell, managing partner at Haskell & White LLP

Guests stepped back in time at the Laura's House Annual Gala, "Step into the Roaring 20s," on Sept. 14 at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa. The event, which attracted

250 people dressed in costumes inspired by "The Great Gatsby," raised more than \$250,000 to support Laura's House Emergency Shelter Program.

Laura's House honored **Wells Fargo** for its contributions to the organization. **Western National Group** was the event's title sponsor.

Some other sponsors included **Verizon Wireless; Frome Foundation; Michelman & Robinson LLP; The Thompson Foundation; Haskell & White LLP; Gerson Bakar & Associates; Applied Medical; Alliance Resource Group; Knockout Productions; and Rutan & Tucker LLP.**

Laura's House aims to change social beliefs, attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence, while creating a safe space to empower individuals and families affected by abuse.