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BENEFIT

'Wine & Dine' Benefit for Laura's House

More than 130 supporters filled the Big Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach last month to attend the third annual Wine & Dine benefit hosted by Laura's House, a leading nonprofit dedicated to providing domestic violence education, prevention, shelter and counseling services.

Supporters in attendance included Newport Beach residents Margaret R. and Richard Bayston, Donna and Dick Pickup, Jim and Janet Gianulias, and Helen and Conrad Timpe.

Guests enjoyed more than 60 wines to taste, plus a selection of gourmet menu

items. The annual event also featured live entertainment, a blind tasting contest hosted by Dr. Frank Murray, a silent auction featuring wine tastings, tours and experiences, and a unique wine wall with more than 100 bottles of premium wine.

Wineries included Cowboy Canyon, Le-vendi Winery, Giracci Vineyards & Farms, Vino Paraiso, Southern Wine & Spirits and Frank Murray's California Selections.

Event sponsors: Patrick Bucklen, Clemo Family, Busch Foundation, Donna and Dick Pickup, Richard Rodrigues, Nancy Hauschild, Linda and Tim Zeller.

Wine & Dine offered guests an oppor-

tunity to learn more about Laura's House and to hear from a Laura's House shelter graduate who gave a moving firsthand account of her experience enduring years of violence and her reliance on Laura's House in escaping the cycle of abuse.

"All our events encourage donors, advocates and community members to come together in support of our vital work," said Margaret Bayston, CEO and Executive Director, Laura's House. "As Laura's House celebrates two decades in the crusade against domestic violence, the organization remains focused on its next 20 years and our ongoing mission to touch the lives of those tragically impacted by the domestic violence cycle."

More than \$20,000 was raised at the event, which will support programs and services Laura's House provides to families affected by domestic violence throughout Orange County and beyond.

In honor of its 20th anniversary, Laura's House will host an anniversary open house on June 12 at its Ladera Ranch offices.

For more information, visit lauras-house.org or call (949) 361-3775.



Right: Lead legal advocate Adam Dodge; Below: Wayne Pinnell, Margaret Bayston, Maadie Huckleby, and LH 20th Anniversary Gala Honorary Chair Donna Pickup

