

THE VOICE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

— *spring 2015 edition* —

Laura's House Legal Advocates: Making a Difference at the Courthouse

by Adam Dodge, Laura's House Legal Director

Survivors of domestic violence face challenges many cannot begin to imagine. The level of courage it takes to leave an abusive relationship is unparalleled. But what happens after they gain the resolve to leave the abusive relationship? For many, petitioning for a restraining order is the next step – and with it – a new set of obstacles that few are prepared to overcome alone.

At their restraining order hearings, survivors must sit next to the party who abused them; talk about the most intimate and traumatic details of their lives in a public courtroom; answer the Judge's questions; produce evidence; answer difficult questions from the other party (or their attorney) and advocate for themselves and their children. In Orange County, most survivors must do this alone. In response to this overwhelming need, our legal department is striving to make a difference.

Through new programs launched during the past year, Legal Advocates are now assisting an increased number of survivors at the courthouse. What does this mean? First and foremost, it means

that when a survivor attends his or her restraining order hearing, a Laura's House legal advocate is there to support them. It also means that, from the moment a Legal Advocate is assigned to the case, a plan is put in motion to help survivors prepare for their hearings.

Prior to stepping into the courtroom, Legal Advocates are working closely with clients to insure they are prepared, organized and safe. In preparing for the hearing, particular emphasis is placed on the client's testimony, collection of evidence, providing reassurance and staying safe at the courthouse. Our goal is to empower clients to be as successful as possible on the day of their hearing. So far, in 2015, Laura's House is reaching more legal clients than ever before.

In the first quarter of 2015 alone, Laura's House experienced a 167% increase in new legal clients served over the year prior. Moving forward, hundreds of domestic violence survivors, who would have faced these challenges alone, will now be working with Laura's House to make a better life for themselves and their children.

Shop & Donate Today!



Laura's House Resale Stores support the Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, & Counseling & Resource Programs of Laura's House through the resale of high-quality donated merchandise. Your donations will help to fund the powerful programs offered by Laura's House in turn helping to end the cycle of violence for many individuals, families, and children affected by domestic violence. We are so thankful for your support through donations and purchases made at the store.

Laura's House
RESALE STORE

Visit our Resale Store Locations

** Now selling furniture at both locations! **

23635 El Toro Road, Suite F
Lake Forest, CA 92630
(El Toro Rd./Arbor)
(949) 472-8800

31878 Del Obispo Street, Suite 104
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
(Plaza Del Obispo Shopping Center)
(949) 218-6400



Email us resalestore@laurashouse.org
See website for current store and drop off hours.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

San Juan Capistrano: Thursday, April 23, 4-6pm / Lake Forest: Thursday, April 30, 4-6pm



Margaret's Corner

Over a quarter of the year has gone by already and we have been busy at Laura's House putting together new programs and services which help solve problems that we have seen our clients experiencing in the community. One of our most notable is with our legal department and we hope you will read all about some of the exciting

achievements we have been able to accomplish in Legal Director Adam Dodge's article in this issue.

Our Resale Stores in Lake Forest and San Juan Capistrano are thriving and that is mostly because of the amazing team of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly every day to keep things running so smoothly and looking beautiful and all our generous individuals and corporate partners who give us gently used items to sell. Every penny we make goes towards maintaining

our programs and services for our clients. We have two fun Spring-time events coming up at the stores on April 23rd and April 30th and we hope to see you at one or both afternoons.

Finally, you can see from our Impact Report in the last 5 years we have grown tremendously in many areas (see last page of this newsletter) as a direct response to our community needs. We know there is still a huge amount of work to be done to help those families and individuals get back on their feet, enjoying strong, healthy relationships and be great role models for their children. We are committed to playing a significant part in our clients' journeys. Please let us know if you are interested in giving your time, expertise, individual or corporate support to one of our projects. I'd love to hear from you.

— Margaret R. Bayston, CEO/Executive Director

2015 Events

LADERA DERBY DAY

Saturday, May 2, 2015

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Laura's House, in partnership with LARCS, cordially invites you to join us for the 141th Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby at the Covenant Hills Clubhouse in Ladera Ranch. This event is not to be missed and includes: a southern buffet, mint juleps, lawn games, a derby hat contest, a silent auction, opportunity drawings and more!



WINE & DINE

Sunday, May 3, 2015

2:00pm

Join us at this exclusive wine event, featuring wine tastings, a wine silent auction and dinner reception at the private residence of Laura Khouri and Mike Hayde.



FREEDOM RUN AT THE RANCH

Saturday, July 4, 2015

Join Laura's House and the San Clemente Kiwanis for a pancake breakfast served up by our wonderful Volunteers. The Freedom Run, 1k/5k/10k run will take place in Ladera Ranch, visit runladera.com to register today. Laura's House will be the primary beneficiary from the event and receive all of the proceeds from the pancake breakfast sales.



3RD ANNUAL HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, August 10, 2015

10:00am



Come out for a day of golf and enjoy the beautiful course at Marbella Country Club in support of Laura's House. Silent Auction and Awards Reception to follow. Sponsorships, Foursomes, and Tee Sponsorships available at laurashouse.org.

ANNUAL GALA – BAHAMA NIGHTS

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Join us for our Annual Gala, celebrating 21 years of service to the community. Enjoy a cocktail reception, silent & live auction and dinner reception at The Island Hotel Newport Beach. We will be honoring the, When Geogia Smiled Foundation and those that have contributed integral support to the programs and services we provide. Sponsorships, tickets and ads available soon.



April is National Volunteer Month!

Thank you for dedicating your time and talents to truly make an impact on your community!



Event tickets and table sponsorships available at laurashouse.org.

Volunteer with us!



KIDS WHO CARE *junior friends program*

Are you a school aged kid or teen looking to give back and get involved? If you answered yes, welcome to the **Laura's House Junior Friends Program**. We have handpicked several ways for you to get involved and give back to your local community. These campaigns will directly impact a Laura's House family and change lives forever. How cool is that? Have another idea of how to help? GREAT! Let's hear it!

Reasons to join the Laura's House Junior Friends Program:

- Make an IMPACT in your local community!
- Be a part of real CHANGE!
- Provide much needed HOPE to families in need.

Benefits:

- Looks great on your college application (even if you are 8 years old!)
- Complete 3 campaigns and earn Laura's House swag!
- Be recognized for your charitable work—think Facebook, website and your picture (YES!)

Visit laurashouse.org/junior-friends to get started today!

DONATE YOUR CAR

Change someone's life

- ♦ Free Pick up
- ♦ Tax receipt given
- ♦ Running or not





Call 877-411-3662

Grants

Our partnership with foundations, corporations and public agencies such as these enables Laura's House to provide direct, cost effective solutions to end the cycle of domestic violence and foster self-sufficiency and healthy relationships for the women, men and children of our community.

Laura's House was recently awarded funding from the following organizations*:

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| Alcon Foundation | Macy's Contributions |
| Angels Baseball Foundation | Ms. Molly Foundation |
| Applied Medical | National Outreach Foundation |
| Argyros Family Foundation | NCL – Saddleback Valley |
| Bagne Family Foundation | Norman and Sadie Lee Foundation |
| Bank of America | OC Bar Association |
| Carl E. Wynn Foundation | Pacific Life Foundation |
| City of Laguna Woods | SDG&E – Helping People In Need |
| City of Mission Viejo | Shelley Family Foundation |
| City of Santa Ana | Sidney Stern Memorial Trust |
| Crean Foundation | Swayne Family Foundation |
| Desert Community Foundation | Tustin Community Foundation |
| Edwards Lifesciences | Union Pacific Foundation |
| Green Foundation | US Bank – usbancorpgive |
| Herb Alpert Foundation | Verizon Wireless – Voices Have Power Campaign |
| Hermann Foundation | Western Digital Foundation |
| Huneycutt Family Foundation | Wickersham Foundation |
| In-N-Out Burger | Willis Foundation |
| Joe MacPherson Foundation | Xerox Foundation |
| Lbrands Foundation | |

*Grants as of 4/15/15.

March – June: Professionally whiten your teeth with Parker Dentistry in Ladera Ranch. Donate what you want; a minimum \$50 donation ensure's all proceeds benefit Laura's House!



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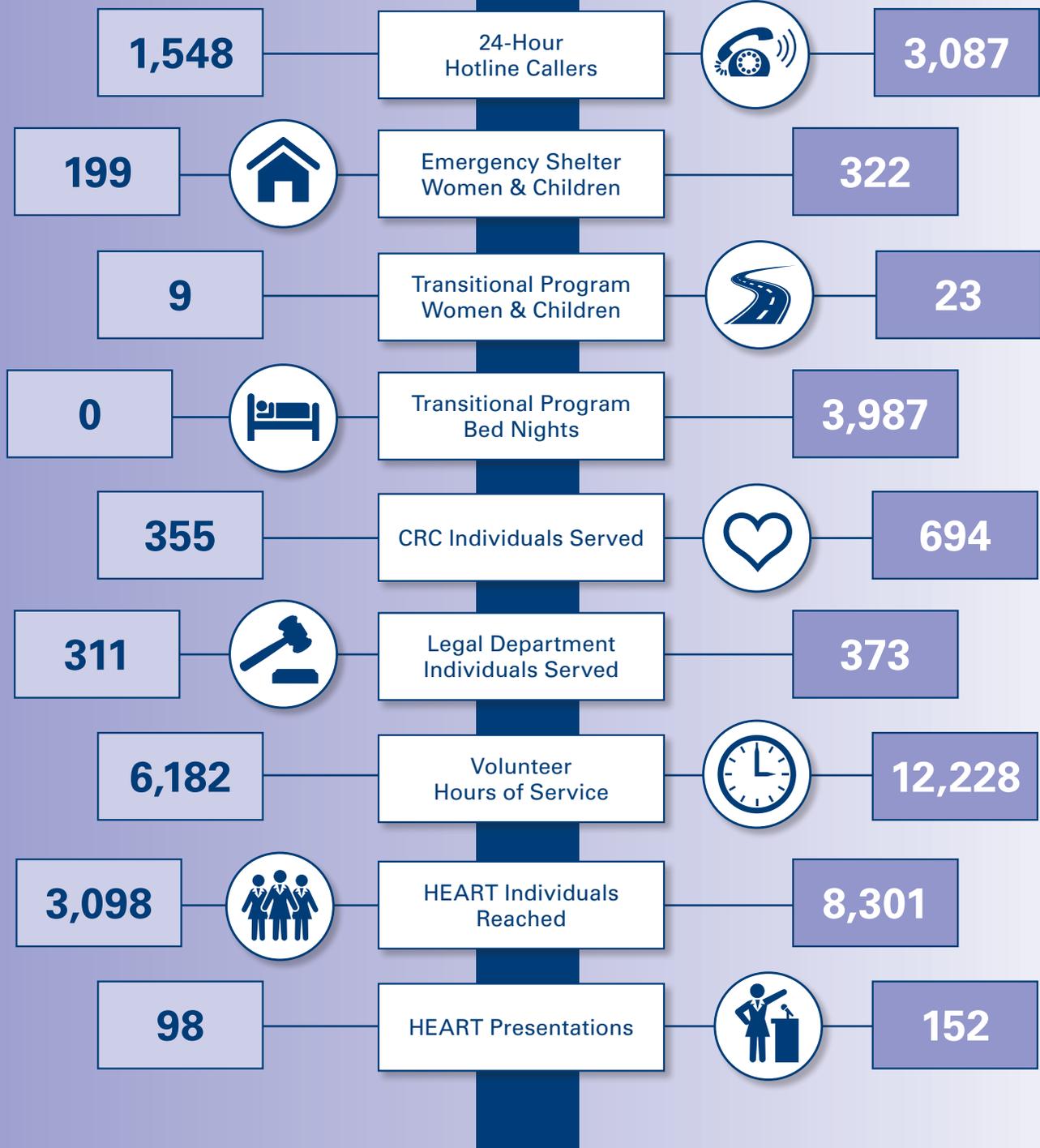


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Laura's House has chosen to send our biannual newsletter now via email to save on printing costs, directing those funds to assisting the families we serve. If you would like to add or change your email address, please contact us so that we can make those changes for you, marketing@laurashouse.org.

Fundraising With Us!

Laura's House now offers a peer-to-peer fundraising platform which is a method of fundraising that leverages your networks to fundraise for Laura's House. It's also known as social fundraising, personal/team fundraising, or peer-to-peer fundraising. Host an office fundraiser, hold an event at your home, or ask for support for your next creative idea! Whatever your goal may be Laura's House can help you set up, market, and execute your campaign!

Get Started Today! →

**Visit – https://laurashouse-1850.wedid.it/users/sign_up
Email Melanie Galloway – mgalloway@laurashouse.org**



**– DONATE TODAY –
Essential Funds Directly Support the Families We Serve**

Laura's House
Ending the Silence of Domestic Violence

Changing social beliefs, attitudes and the behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence while creating a safe space in which to empower individuals and families affected by abuse.

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