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Tiffany & Co. Sponsor Successful Underwriting Party For Laura's House

Irvine, Ca. - - Tiffany & Co. sponsored an underwriting party, "Midsummer Nights", for Laura's House at the beautiful Shady Canyon Tuscan villa of board member Dan Sussman. The event was attended by 100 guests and raised \$21,000. Chef Pascal Olhats, President of the French Chef's Association and owner of Pascal's of Newport Beach, prepared an assortment of hors d' oeuvres paired with selected Italian wines. The food choices included fried seafood with spicy tomato soffrita, flat bread with parmesan, mini tomato basil bruschetta, creamed bacon toasted, pulled lamb chop with pesto, mini chicken saltimbocca, porcini risotto, veal osso bucco ravioli and mushroom ragout with polenta. Guests also received a special treat, Tiffany blue martinis. Margaret Bayston, Laura's House Executive Director, was thrilled with the results, "We are very grateful to Tiffany for sponsoring this beautiful and elegant event to help Laura's House raise funds for our victims of domestic violence. Without the support of generous supporters like Tiffany and Co, we would not be able to offer the programs and services which are needed by families affected by domestic violence in our community."

The underwriting party helped support the agency's fall fundraiser, *La Vita Toscana*. The fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 14 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine and will include a live and silent auction, authentic Italian dining experience and premium wines from regions of Italy. Nationally acclaimed Wayne Foster Entertainment will be providing the music for the evening. The event will be co-chaired by board members Nanette Vodra and Dan Sussman. The event is expected to attract 600 guests and raise \$150,000 for Laura's House programs.

The proceeds will help Laura's House provide residential shelter services to victims of domestic violence, counseling and legal services and assist with crisis hot-line calls. Annually, Laura's House provides residential shelter services to more than 200 women and children; counseling to more than 600 clients; legal services to more than 700 clients and assists with more than 1,200 crisis hot-line calls. For more information, please call (949) 361-3775.

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