

Haven Hills Celebrates 40 Years of Providing Safety, Shelter and Support to Victims of Domestic Violence

With Federal Budget Cuts Looming, One of LA's Oldest and Largest Domestic Violence Organizations Focuses on Fundraising at its "Evening of Hope" Gala on May 18

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[/EINPresswire.com/](http://EINPresswire.com/) -- For 40 years, [Haven Hills](#) has provided shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, and activities supporting increased economic opportunity for victims of domestic violence. Each year, the organization helps hundreds of women and men find strength within themselves to break the cycle of abuse and build new, productive and positive lives for themselves and their children. Haven Hills is staffed by trained counselors and volunteers 24/7 and operates a 24-Hour Crisis Line (818.887.6589). It offers a 30-Day Crisis Shelter and Haven Two, an 18-month transitional housing shelter, a children's program, support groups and counseling. It also provides a CALWorks GAIN Program to help survivors move toward self-sufficiency and employment.



Haven Hills is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with an array of activities, campaigns and events to increase public and media awareness of the devastating impact of Domestic Violence on our society, and to counteract the new administration's threatened budget cuts to critical Domestic Violence-related programs by enlisting the support of new individual donors, foundations and corporate sponsors.

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The highpoint of the year will be Haven Hills' annual ["Evening of Hope" Gala](#) on May 18th at the Sheraton Universal (see details below). It will be an evening of music and fun where four prominent city leaders – all supporters of Haven Hills and its mission - will be honored: The Honorable Mike Feuer – Los

Angeles City Attorney; Rebecca Gray Grossman & Dr. Peter Grossman – Co-Founders of the Grossman Burn Foundation; and Steve D. Spile – Senior Partner at Spile, Leff & Goor.

“We are thrilled to be celebrating our 40 years of service to the community and grateful to all of our distinguished honorees for their passionate support of Domestic Violence victims and survivors,” says Iliana Tavera, executive director of Haven Hills. “All of us are looking forward to having a great time at our ‘Evening of Hope’ Gala on May 18th. At the same time, the harsh reality of the proposed federal budget cuts this year and next year is ever-present in our minds. It makes us appreciate even more the vital importance of our annual fundraising gala and the generosity of our individual donors, strategic partners and corporate sponsors. Organizations like Haven Hills are literally fighting to keep the lights on, to answer crisis calls, and to provide essential services for victims fleeing violence. If you know anyone who has been affected by Domestic Violence, if you care about this cause, now is the time to step up and support Haven Hills.”

At the “Evening of Hope,” a new Haven Hills video will premiere, featuring six women survivors of Domestic Violence who tell their personal stories and speak openly about how Haven Hills saved and transformed their lives. The video is being produced by Telepictures, Warner Brothers’ principal television production company.

Throughout 2017 and leading up to the “Evening of Hope” 40th Anniversary celebration, Haven Hills has been working to defend vital federal programs that support and protect victims of Domestic Violence from the new administration’s proposed budget cuts. These programs provide such essential services as emergency shelter, legal advocacy and transportation for women and men fleeing intimate partner violence. It recently launched a powerful Change.org campaign that urges Congress to save the Violence Against Women Act and the millions of victims it protects. This initiative is being reinforced by an ongoing educational campaign on Haven Hills social media titled #FocusOnDV, comprised of storytelling visuals and testimonials from victims-turned-survivors and striking statistics about the pervasiveness and destructiveness of Domestic Violence.

The Evening of Hope Gala will take place on Thursday, May 18, at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Hollywood Drive, Universal City, CA 91608. The Reception, Silent Auction and Cash Bar will open at 6pm; Dinner and Program will start at 7:15pm. The Gala will celebrate Haven Hills’ 40 years of service to the San Fernando Valley and Greater Los Angeles as well as honor exceptional partners who are doing incredible work to advance domestic violence awareness and advocacy in the community. Through their philanthropic efforts and investments, this year’s honorees are saving and transforming lives, inspiring volunteerism and community building, and offering hope to LA’s most vulnerable citizens.

This year Haven Hills’ major awards will be given to these four honorees:

Citizen of Distinction Award - The Honorable Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Attorney

_ Citizen of Distinction Award: Recognizes an exceptional individual who has made significant contributions to improve the lives of Los Angeles’ most vulnerable citizens.

The Betty Fisher Legacy Award – Rebecca Gray Grossman & Dr. Peter Grossman, Grossman Burn Foundation

_ The Betty Fisher Legacy Award: Honors an individual who has demonstrated exemplary service and commitment to support victims of domestic violence.

The Community Hope Award - Steven D. Spile, Esq.

_ The Community Hope Award: Honors an organization or individual who has made significant

contributions to support healthy communities by promoting economic opportunity, education, safety, human development, and health and wellness.

For more information, tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the “Evening of Hope,” please visit the Evening of Hope page. For more information about Haven Hills and its services, please visit the website.

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