



# BE A HERO FOR CHILDREN

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*Thank you to Marci Gonzalez, CBS/KCAL News Morning Anchor who was our MC for the evening.*

On September 14, the CAC held its annual “Be a Hero for Children” Gala at the Glendora Country Club. Guests were treated to a delicious dinner, opportunity to buy wine at the Wine Wall, bid on auction items and raise a paddle - all to raise money for the CAC. The evening ended with dancing to the tunes of DJ Rek-it-Raph.



Several Superheroes were honored for the work that they do every day to protect children and hold offenders accountable. Supervising Victim Services Representative **Ashley Meyers** (and facility dog Skippy), Victim Services Representative **Paulina Bernard** (and facility dog Lennox) and Victim Services Representative **Emyrene Coleman** (and facility dog Nora) were honored for their work in the Los Angeles Bureau of Victim Services K-9

Unit. Supervising Children’s Social Worker **Dalila Sandoval** and Children’s Social Worker **Samantha Smith** were honored for their dedication and work in the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services. **Gary Charland**, President and CEO of Masonic Homes of California was honored for his longstanding commitment to the CAC and the children we serve.



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Trent Dang and Timothy Driskill of **Aurora Visuals** donated their photography skills. We're also thankful to all the individuals and businesses that generously donated to the live auction, online auction, Wine Wall and gorgeous floral centerpieces.

We are grateful to our many generous sponsors including Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, Forensic Nurse Specialists, Dordulian Law Group, Taylor & Ring, Supervisor Kathryn Barger (5th District), Supervisor Janice Hahn (4th District), John Pomroy & Kathy Cady, Destiny Masonic Lodge, Nelson & Fraenkel, Masonic Homes of California, Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association, Curtis & Barbara Cady, Ralph Shapira and Chantal Jobert-Honacki.

The evening was enjoyable, exciting and hopeful and we raised money to support our mission of minimizing trauma to children who are victims of physical or sexual abuse. By empowering child victims, the CAC helps keep children safe and holds offenders accountable. Thank you to everyone who made the evening possible.