



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOSPICE FOUNDATION RAISES NEARLY \$55,000 TO SUPPORT COMPASSIONATE END-OF-LIFE CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES

Fourth Annual Dolled Up: Where Fashion Meets Philanthropy brought together supporters from across Southern California to benefit patients and families facing the final stages of life

MISSION VIEJO, Calif., May 19, 2026 –The Southern California Hospice Foundation proudly announced that its sold-out fourth annual Dolled Up: Where Fashion Meets Philanthropy luncheon raised nearly \$55,000 to support compassionate end-of-life care and family support programs across Southern California.

Held May 6 at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach, the inspiring afternoon brought together philanthropists, advocates, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and community members in support of the Foundation’s mission to provide dignity, comfort, and compassionate support to individuals and families navigating the final stages of life.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Southern California Hospice Foundation programs, including Heavenly Home — Orange County’s only nonprofit residential end-of-life care home — as well as transportation assistance, food deliveries, financial support, caregiver resources, and wish-granting services for terminally ill patients and their loved ones.

“We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us at Dolled Up and helped make this event such a success,” said Southern California Hospice Foundation Executive Director Michelle Wulfestieg. “Every dollar raised helps us continue providing compassionate care, practical support, and meaningful moments for patients and families during some of life’s most difficult transitions.”

The luncheon featured keynote remarks from six-time Emmy Award-winning journalist, inspirational speaker, and Be Kind & Co. founder Lu Parker. Drawing from her own experiences with grief, resilience, and personal transformation, Parker shared a heartfelt message about kindness, connection, and the importance of showing up for others during life’s most vulnerable moments.

One of the event’s most moving moments came from Natasha McIntyre, who shared the deeply personal story of her late husband Eddie’s final weeks at Heavenly Home.

“Heavenly Home gave my family something I didn’t know was possible during our darkest moments — peace,” said Natasha McIntyre. “They cared not only for Eddie, but for our entire family with love, dignity, and compassion every single day.”

The event also featured a women-owned marketplace showcasing local businesses and artisans, many of whom donated 10% of proceeds back to support Southern California Hospice Foundation’s mission. Participating vendors included Broken Treasures, CoCo Cares, Heavenly Home resident Dale Brown, Good JuJu Candle Co., Kohala Plantation, Laurie Marshall Art, Lisa Marie Jewelry, Petite Fleur, and The Diva Wears Pink.

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About Southern California Hospice Foundation

Founded in 2002, the Southern California Hospice Foundation provides resources and compassionate support to patients, caregivers, and families facing the final stages of life. Through programs including Heavenly Home, Orange County's first nonprofit residential end-of-life care home, the Foundation helps address critical unmet needs beyond the scope of traditional hospice care. Services include caregiving support, housing assistance, transportation, food deliveries, financial assistance, and fulfilling final wishes — ensuring that no one faces the end of life alone.

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