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UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY BENEFITS FROM PSI DELTA SIGMA FASHION SHOW AND SEA & SKY GUILD CASINO ROYALE FUNDRAISERS

Celebrating its 60th year of serving Orange County children with disabilities, United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County (UCP-OC) was the fortunate beneficiary of two recent special fundraising events.

The Beta Lambda and Beta Chi Chapters of Psi Delta Sigma presented their 6th annual Have a Heart Fashion Show & Boutique fundraiser on March 2 which netted \$20,000 for the nonprofit that serves nearly 4,000 families challenged by special needs.

Co-chaired by Psi Delta Sigma members Cathy Lagoe and Ellie Carlile, the lovely afternoon affair was held at Embassy Suites Brea beginning with a boutique which included variety clothing, jewelry, accessories and home product vendors. After shopping, guests made their way into the hotel ballroom for a delightful luncheon followed by an exclusive JOCKEY Person to person fashion show. Led by JOCKEY Person to person representative Marijane Relth, the fashion show featured volunteer models from Psi Delta Sigma sorority and friends wearing the company's beautiful, on-trend and unbelievably versatile fashions in the season's latest colors. Key committee members included vendor chair Kelly Barbera, silent auction chair Sheryl Jimerson and Sharon Barrett, the historian for the organization and finance chair.

The sorority has supported United Cerebral Palsy for over a half a century and since 1968, the Beta Lambda & Beta Chi Chapters of Psi Delta Sigma have raised over \$2 million for the southern California United Cerebral Palsy organizations.

The Sea and Sky Guild of United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County raised nearly \$70,000 at their glitzy *Evening in Monte Carlo* Casino Royale fundraiser on March 9 at Crevier Classic Cars in Costa Mesa. The evening highlight was honoring Afshin Aminian, M.D. with the organization's Humanitarian Award. Dr. Aminian is the Medical Director CHOC Children's Orthopaedic Institute and an internationally renowned pediatric orthopaedic surgeon who offers invaluable medical expertise and support to children with disabilities at UCP-OC.

Event chair and Sea & Sky president Linda Beresford said, "The guild was extremely proud to acknowledge Dr. Afshin Aminian for his dedication and commitment to helping children with cerebral palsy and other disabilities which demonstrates exactly what our guild supports."

Set among 25,000 square feet of premier classic and exotic cars, the evening began with a champagne cocktail hour and expansive silent auction among the ritz and glitz of the *Monte Carlo* themed décor and incredible collection of rare cars and memorabilia.

As the evening progressed, guests joined lively casino games of black jack, poker, craps, Texas hold-em'. Angels Chairman of the Board Dennis Kuhl served as one of the evening's celebrity dealers. Above All Catering provided various gourmet food stations including appetizers, mini gourmet burgers, noodle bar and desserts.

A live auction followed the moving presentation by Sea & Sky Guild president Linda Beresford to Dr. Afshin Aminian. After a short video, United Cerebral Palsy client Leo Kobayashi then shared his passion for the organization and the message to "never give up on your dreams."

The Sea & Sky Guild is a women's guild of United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County that coordinates an annual fundraising event supporting the Sea & Sky Therapy Scholarship Fund for continued therapy for families beyond the limits of government funded therapy contracts or private insurance.

United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County provides vital services that support families of children with disabilities to improve individual well-being from birth through early adulthood. For more than a half a century, United Cerebral Palsy has helped children with a wide range of disabilities to lead a *Life Without Limits* and achieve their full potential and inclusion into society at all levels.

For more information about UCP-OC, call 949.333.6401 or visit www.ucp-oc.org.



Psi Delta Sigma Event Co-chairs Ellie Carlile and Cathy Lagoe with United Cerebral Palsy of Orange County CEO Cathleen Collins



UCP-OC Board Member Kim Letch with husband Nigel Stobart and children Thomas and Arden with UCP-OC President of the Board of Director James Corbett and his wife Pam Paterson



Honoree Dr. Afshin Aminian with his wife Roxanne



Sea & Sky Guild President Linda Beresford with client/event speaker Leo Kobayashi



Volunteer models strut their stuff during the event's JOCKEY Person to Person Fashion Show