

Celebrating

Saturday, October 28, 2023



Evening Program

**EMCEE** Jim Moret

WELCOME Carol April, Robin Blau & Robbie Blumenfeld, <i>Gala Co-Chairs</i>	
JOURNEY OF HOPE ALUMNI AWARD Leslie Yabuki presented by Wendy Bachelis & Ellen Simmons	
COMMUNITY OF HOPE AWARDCedars-Sinai  presented by Julia Miele	
SONG DEDICATION Jo-Ann Lautman  by Joe Williams of Toto	
FOUNDER'S AWARD Jo-Ann Lautman  presented by Jory Goldman	
DINNER	
YOUR IMPACT	
GOOD GRIEF AWARD Marc Maron presented by Board Chair Anthony Guagliano	
DESSERT & MUSIC BY JOE WILLIAMS	
SWEET COODBYE	



# \*A message from the Eo-Chairs

#### Dear friends and supporters of OUR HOUSE,

The three of us are delighted to welcome you to our 2023 House of Hope Gala. It is such a pleasure to celebrate our 30th year of hope and healing with you! We welcome you to the beautiful Skirball Cultural Center on our pearl anniversary, excited to share this evening of music, inspiration, and generosity with all of you. We hope you will go home tonight as excited as we are to build the next thirty years of grief support and education.

Robbie has been a supporter of OUR HOUSE over the past year with beautiful signage at our Run and Gala, Carol over 20 years as a board member and volunteer, and Robin has volunteered and served as a board member, Fund Development Chair, and on the House of Hope Gala committee. We believe that when you know OUR HOUSE like we do, you too will want to get involved with our amazing programs.

This year, we celebrated the return of our Walk n' Run for

Hope in a fantastic new location at the Sepulveda Recreation Center, served record numbers of callers, launched a revamped Spanish Community Program, and began a whole new Family Support program that brings children and surviving parents together on the same night. Jo-Ann started OUR HOUSE at a kitchen table, but this grain of grief—the hurt that never goes away but is transformed and informed by the beautiful layers of love we have for our loved ones—has grown into a true pearl.

Best.





# A message from the Founder

In October of 1993, after two years of hard labor, OUR HOUSE was born. I can't believe we are here, in 2023, celebrating our 30th anniversary! My husband, Dan, was the construction engineer on our first office, and he would be so proud tonight of all that we've accomplished and the many people we've served. We now have multiple locations and many satellites throughout Los Angeles County. We are an integral part of the community.

OUR HOUSE is my home away from home, and an extended part of my family. I am the Founder and will continue to be the dreamer. Thank you one and all for welcoming OUR HOUSE into YOUR house. You are all the CEMENT and MORTAR that is our foundation. We are the little "AGENCY" that could.

XO,



## A message from the Board Chair

#### DEAR HONORED GUESTS.

It is my pleasure and honor to welcome you to the 2023 House of Hope Gala celebrating 30 years of OUR HOUSE providing grief support and services

to our community. On behalf of the OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center's Board of Directors, we want to thank you for joining us for a truly special evening. In partnership with all of you, we have been able to reach thousands of grieving children and adults and are constantly exploring new ways to expand our services to include all those who would benefit from our programs.

OUR HOUSE would not exist without the vision of our amazing Founder Jo-Ann Lautman. Jo-Ann imagined what OUR HOUSE could be at her kitchen table 30 years ago, and it is because of her determination that hundreds of people—from staff to volunteers to board members—have worked tirelessly to fulfill Jo-Ann's dream. Most importantly, OUR HOUSE has helped over 100,000 grievers find hope at the most difficult time in their lives. Thank you, Jo-Ann, for having the inspiration and love in your heart to create OUR HOUSE.

This evening is the result of the tireless work of the Gala Committee, chaired by Carol April, Robbie Blumenfeld, and Robin Blau. Robin deserves a special acknowledgement as she prepares to relinquish her role as the OUR HOUSE Fund Development Chair after many years of amazing service. In addition to the Board of Directors, the Associate Board is a vital part of OUR HOUSE and this year has taken a leadership role in managing the Gala Auction. Special thanks to Ashley Port and Amanda Grumman who have led the Associate Board as Co-Chairs over the years, as well as Diana Snyder Ritter, the incoming Associate Board Chair, who also chaired the Auction. Our incredible and hardworking Development staff (Josh, Lucia, and Tanner) and volunteers have thoughtfully curated every detail to make this evening a fabulous success.

Finally, we would not be here tonight without the tireless work and dedication of our Executive Director, Julia Miele, and her incomparable staff. They are committed and caring professionals who, along with our treasured volunteers, devote themselves to carrying forth the mission of OUR HOUSE.

Have a wonderful evening, and again, thank you for your continued support.



### A message from the Executive Director

Thank you for joining OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center as we commemorate 30 years of creating community and bringing hope to grieving children, teens, and adults across Los Angeles.

Tonight, in celebration of our 30th Anniversary, Founder Jo-Ann Lautman will receive the OUR HOUSE Founder's Award for her vision of creating a safe and comfortable place to start the process of rebuilding lives after the death of someone close. After 30 years, Jo-Ann continues to play a meaningful role in the design and growth of OUR HOUSE programs to ensure their most meaningful impact on the communities we serve. Comedian, Podcast Host, Writer, and Actor Marc Maron will receive the Good Grief Award for his candor about loss and grief as shared through his podcasts and HBO special From Bleak to Dark – powerfully launching a public dialogue about the importance of recognizing grief and normalizing grief emotions. OUR HOUSE Alumna and Board Member Leslie Yabuki will receive our first Journey of Hope Alumni Award for her tireless efforts in the design and relaunch of the OUR HOUSE Alumni Program. Bringing together alumni for monthly events and other activities, Leslie's dedication to furthering the OUR HOUSE Mission has created a welcoming environment for alumni to build community, support each other, and engage with OUR HOUSE in new ways.

My deepest gratitude extends to our hundreds of talented and devoted volunteers who help run events, work tirelessly at Camp Erin-L.A., and most remarkably, co-lead our grief support groups, and to our staff of 22, who—every day—face the topic of grief and heartbreak with grace and open arms. No matter their role, they hold and honor stories most of us only read about in the headlines—violent death, tragedy, and the untimely deaths of soulmates and family members who died too soon. Our staff and volunteers bring our mission to life. Their commitment of time and heart is profound. If you would like to be a part of our volunteer team, I am always a call or email away.

This special night is the culmination of the creative talents of Gala Co-Chairs Carol April, Robbie Blumenfeld, and Robin Blau, Auction Chair Diana Snyder Ritter, and their committee members. I am in awe of their passion and dedication to the Mission and Vision of OUR HOUSE and deeply grateful for their commitment to creating a memorable and beautiful gathering for all of us tonight.

Many thanks to all of you for joining us and to members of our Board of Directors as well as our Associate Board, Valley Advisory Board, Advisory and Honorary Boards, for being with us tonight and every day. With your help, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those living with grief. Here's to the next 30 years!

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The **H.U.G. AWARD** honors an individual or group who has contributed to "helping understand grief."

1996	J. William Worden, PhD	2005	Sharon Rocha
1998	Sandy Banks	2007	Jon Robin Baitz
1999	Maria Shriver	2014	One Last Hug (and a few smooches):
2000	Rabbi Naomi Levy		Three Days at Grief Camp
2001	Carol Muske-Dukes	2018	Edia Lutnick & The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund
2002	Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross	2024	
2003	Pamela Schaff, MD	2021	Amanda Kloots
2004	Steven Romick		











The **SPIRIT OF HOPE VOLUNTEER AWARD** honors the dedication and compassion of OUR HOUSE's remarkable volunteers.

2006 Jayne Barbera and Rhonda Frances 2011 Andrew Crow, CPA, MFT

2010 Emily Dubin Field 2012 Robyn Santucci, Esq











The **GOOD GRIEF AWARD** honors an individual or group who portrays the grief process with honesty and dignity or an individual or group who, through their philanthropic involvement and understanding of grief, makes a significant difference in our community.

1997	Spelling Television's Seventh Heaven	2004	8 Simple Rules
1998	Producers and Cast Party of Five	2005	Greg Berlanti for <i>Everwood</i>
1999	Klasky-Csupo Productions	2006	Paul Michael Glaser
	Rugrats Mother's Day Special	2007	Gilena and Gary Simons
	Laura Innes, Director and Lydia Woodward, Producer <i>Be Still My Heart – ER</i>	2009	Donna and Barry Goldfarb
		2010	Jeanne Huybrechts
2001	Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop	2011	Sandy Banks
2002	Dr. Paul S. Nassif and	2013	Melissa Rivers
	Adrienne Maloof Nassif	2014	Wells Fargo Foundation, Accepted by
2003	Tyne Daly <i>Judging Amy</i>		Jonathan Weedman, Senior Vice President
		2018	Dan Fogelman & THIS IS US











#### **FOUNDER'S AWARD**

The **FOUNDER'S AWARD** honors an individual or group who has contributed significantly both in time and resources to helping OUR HOUSE in its mission to provide our community with grief support services, education, resources, and hope.

1996	Jo-Ann Lautman	2007	Jo-Ann Lautman
1997	Glen Kraemer, Esq	2009	Joyce Brandman
1998	Jack Schaeffer	2010	Marci and Greg Foster
1999	Hilary Cohen	2011	Fredda Wasserman
2000	June and Paul Ebensteiner	2013	Gen Kraemer, Esq.
2001	Rebekah Farber	2014	Sheri Rapaport
2002	Rosemary Bernstein, Hannah Farber,	2015	Todd Gilman
Skylar Lenox and Jaclyn Maler	2018	Jory Goldman & Seth, Jessie, Eli, Jonah	
2003	Suzanne Lehman	2019	Anthony Guagliano
2004	Ruth and Dennis Wasser	2021	Irwin Feinberg
2005	Carol and Rand April	2022	The Port Family: Vicki, Ashley,
2006	Debbie and Mike Zeiden		Whitney, and Paige









# Founder's Award RECIPIENT



JO-ANN LAUTMAN was leading "Mommy and Me" classes at a pre-school in West LA as well as working with the Cedars-Sinai Hospice team during the early 1990s. Sadly, one of the moms died unexpectedly in her "Mommy & Me" class leaving a young widower and their child. At that moment, trying to console the young gentleman, Jo-Ann recognized there was an overlooked need for grief support in Los Angeles, particularly for younger grievers who were expected to "bounce back" and "find someone new." Jo-Ann decided to make room for new passages in life, with the promise of keeping memories and dreams alive.

As the word about the groups grew, so did the seeds of OUR HOUSE. After two years helping the young widow and widowers find sweetness again in their life, OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center launched in October 1993 with its grief support mission as a safe and comfortable place to start the process of rebuilding lives after the devastation of the death of someone close.

From a staff of two to now dozens of employees and volunteers, from one group room to 11 group rooms in three offices, over 450 volunteers, satellite and school groups throughout LA County, OUR HOUSE serves grieving children and adults of all races, religions and ages, from 4 to 94. We have moved and grown and look to the future with the celebration of our 30th anniversary this year.

# 2023 Grief Award RECIPIENT



MARC MARON has released five hit stand-up comedy specials throughout his career. His most recent, From Bleak To Dark premiered on HBO this year and received rave reviews from critics and fans alike. Maron's other specials include End Times Fun (2020) on Netflix, which was nominated for a 2021 Critics' Choice Award, Marc Maron: Too Real (2017), More Later (2015) on Epix, and Thinky Pain (2013).

Maron has an incredible reputation in the podcasting world through his landmark podcast *WTF with Marc Maron*. Over the years, Marc has interviewed icons such as US President Barack Obama, Keith Richards, Kate Winslet, and Robin

Williams. Earlier this year, Maron's show became the first one-on-one podcast episode (Episode 67- Robin Williams) inducted into America's National Recording Registry.

Maron starred in the Netflix series *Glow* and his scripted series, *Maron*, aired for four seasons on IFC. His other acting credits include roles in *To Leslie, Joker, Respect, Spenser Confidential, Sword Of Trust*, and *Stardust*. He also portrayed "Mr. Snake" in the Dreamworks animated feature, *The Bad Guys* and "Lex Luthor" in *DC League of Super-Pets* – both reached #1 at the box office.

# 2023 Ourney of Hope ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT



**LESLIE YABUKI** has served in the non profit sector her entire life before her twins were born, and then her youngest, Erin. She and her children joined a grief group at OUR HOUSE in 2017 after the death of her husband Craig. After all their groups ended, Leslie and her family stayed deeply involved in OUR HOUSE; Leslie joined the board & her children formed an online kids' game night during COVID for our grieving Middles & Teens.

Leslie also heads up our Alumni Program, hosting fun events that build our grieving community long after group ends. She is co-chair of OUR Run for Hope, consistently raising thousands of dollars through Team Yabuki every year since 2018. Leslie also serves with the Yabuki Foundation, which works with Milwaukie Children's Hospital. In 2022, they opened the Craig Yabuki Mental Health Walk-In Clinic for children and teens experiencing urgent mental health issues.











# 2023 Community of Hope AWARD/RECIPIENT



**CEDARS-SINAI** is receiving OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center's inaugural Community of Hope Award, recognizing the significant impact that Cedars-Sinai has had on the OUR HOUSE community as well as the larger community of Los Angeles. Cedars-Sinai grantmaking is an ongoing, high-impact philanthropic initiative focused on improving access to care, addressing health disparities, and promoting civic engagement. Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations working to strengthen the healthcare safety net and improve the wellbeing of the community. In alignment with Cedars-Sinai's four-part mission—which includes the vital goal of improving the health status of the community—Cedars-Sinai grantmaking strives to improve health equity through a series of programs, initiatives and partnerships, with a focus on supporting Los Angeles' most underserved residents.

# Special Musical Guest JOE WILLIAMS

At age fifteen, Williams began his career as a radio and television commercial singer. Joseph also achieved success as a television and film composer in the late 90's and early 2000's. He fronted Toto as a lead vocalist from 1986 to 1988. and was featured on the albums Fahrenheit (1986) and The Seventh One (1988). He also appeared on the 2006 release Falling in Between, sharing lead vocals with Luke on "Bottom of Your Soul." In 2010 he returned to the band, becoming front man and lead vocalist, a tenure that continues through today. He has released ten solo albums and is an Emmy Award nominated film composer. His career as a session vocalist has placed his voice indelibly in pop culture through the dozens of performances in the medium of film, amongst which is his role as the adult Simba on *The Lion King*. Williams voice is featured on "Hakuna Matata" alongside "Can You Feel The Love Tonight." He is the son of film composer John Williams and actress Barbera Ruick.



# OUR INCREDIBLE 2023)

Christina Acevedo Jessica Allegria Luis Alvarez Audrey Amzalag **Analeis Anderson** Mirna Aparicio Michael Apstein Alexa Arrellano Julie Barkan Debi Benaron Heidi Bendetson **Dottie Berntson** Charlotte Birnbaum Amy Bishop Robin Blau Sylvie BosRau Rachel Brenner Jill Bucksbaum

Silke Burmeister

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Ginger Elisara Tanja Elliot Leslie Emanuel Jane Evans Irwin Feinberg Reagan Ferris Vanessa Fiero Helene Fine Ellen Fink Israel Julia FitzRoy Chow Marilyn Fleiss Stephanie Franco Shelly Freedenthal Bianca Garcia Randi Geffner Donna Goldfarb Francia Gomez Karen Graber James Greenwood

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# OUR INCREDIBLE 2023)

Anne Marsh Susan Matoon April May Peggy Mazariegos Haylie McDonald Lisa McGee Jacqueline McNally Kruse Matthew Michaels Gene Michelman Nita Millstein Heather Mischer Shari Mitchell Isaac Mizraki Silvia Monge David Moreno Monica Morrison Suijn Mun Francesca Nardi

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Sylvia Nho Meghan Nyback Susan O'Brien Sandy Orkin Aparna Pande Victor Parra Nancy Perren Liora Pier James Ponsoldt Melissa Purner Nina Quaranta Russell Quinn Ralph Radebaugh **Destiny Rael** Amanda Railla Sheri Rapaport Karen Richards Karen Riesenfeld Becky Roll Holzman Dayshalee Rosario Cruz Eileen Rosete Karen Rushfield Meryl Russo Jon Samnick Vanessa Sandoval Sergio Santos Caleigh Schaad David Schachter Sandi Schlesinger Kim Schoenburg Lakisha Scott Faith Sears-Eubanks Eva Serrano Julie Shaw Nadia Sheikh Amy Siegel Ellen Simmons Marley Sims

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Harold Walt Winifred Wang Zach Webb Colby Weiner-DiSarro **Chuck Weiss** Merrily Weiss Constanza Whitwood Lucia Wiedeman Renee Winett Anne-Christine Witzgall Wille Maggi Wright Karen Wurtzel Yitian Xu Pui Yee-Yu Cheryl Zelico Jan Zuchowski-Cohen

# Tonight's Emcee JIM MORET

**JIM MORET** is a legal analyst, entertainment reporter, host, and anchor.

Currently, Jim is the Chief Correspondent for *INSIDE EDITION*. Based in Los Angeles, Moret covers human interest stories, high-profile celebrity news, and fast-breaking hard news. Moret's first book, the inspirational memoir *The Last Day of My Life*, landed him appearances on *Dr. Phil, Today, Joy Behar*, and numerous other television and radio shows.

On a personal note, Jim has known Board member Susan Kurtzman for many years. He and his wife Keri are among Susan's closest friends. Jim keeps Susan and her family laughing with his incredible sense of humor. It is such an honor to have him host tonight's event.





#### **EXECUTIVE STAFF**

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# Mhat is this thing called grief?

#### GRIEF IS NOT A PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED; IT IS A PROCESS TO BE LIVED.

At OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center, we believe that grief is a natural reaction after a death. When someone dies, grievers may experience overwhelming emotions including sadness, anger, guilt, and perhaps a sense of losing control.

OUR HOUSE grief support groups offer a warm, supportive, caring environment where children, teens, and adults can process their feelings and begin to heal together.



"At OUR HOUSE, I learned that grief is a house of mirrors, a shape shifter, not something that ends and you graduate from, but a process that continues over time. No story is worse than the next – and the power of connection to others in this shared experience was/ is an absolute comfort and soul soother. Thank You!"

- ADULT SUPPORT GROUP MEMBER

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

# Dolunteer

- Be a group leader for children, teens, or adults.
- Help at one of our events or in one of our offices
- Be a Cabin Buddy at Camp Erin Los Angeles

# Participate

- Join us at the annual Walk 'n' Run for Hope in Spring 2024
- Be an OUR HOUSE ambassador: tell others about the resources we offer
- Schedule a tour and bring a friend to one of our Grief Support Centers
- Connect with us on social media and stay up to date on our workshops, trainings and events @ OurHouseGrief

### Donate

- Help OUR HOUSE expand our programs by including us in your annual giving
- Purchase a brick to be added to our memorial wall in honor of a loved one
- Remember us in your estate plan

#### VOLUNTEERING

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center volunteers make a significant difference in people's lives. They are the heart of our agency, helping grieving children, teens, and adults find hope and healing. Over 450 volunteers donate over 20,000 hours of service annually. None of the positions require prior experience, nor do volunteers need a clinical or professional background in bereavement, counseling, or education.

### There are three meaningful ways to volunteer with OUR HOUSE:

- Volunteer Support Group Leader
- Grief Camp Volunteer
- Event and Administrative Volunteer

# Volunteer to Co-lead Support Groups

Volunteer to co-lead support groups online or, when it's safe again, in our West Los Angeles and Woodland Hills centers, and at various school and community sites in the greater Los Angeles area. We ask for a minimum one-year commitment to co-lead a group every other week in-house, or once per week for short-term groups held in schools or community locations. In addition, all volunteers attend group supervision conducted by our clinical staff once every other week. The average time commitment, including group meeting time and supervision, is 10-15 hours per month.

"I know that my life has been enriched by being a volunteer with OUR HOUSE. If you're considering leading grief groups, know that the training program is thorough and well organized, and the work is so meaningful."

- VOLUNTEER GROUP LEADER



### CHILD AND ADOLESCENT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

"Every student is different, but I believe the grief group has given them a chance to talk about something that they may not have anyone else to talk to about. It's also given skills to students they can rely on later in life. I have seen kids who are hesitant about talking, but by the end, they are comfortable sharing and some even develop into leaders."

- FROM A SCHOOL COLLABORATOR

#### In-House Groups

The death of a parent can be devastating for children and teens of all ages. In OUR grief support groups, children ages 4.5 through 18, who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or someone close in the last two years, join groups organized by the age of the child. Using grief-related art projects, writing exercises, and play activities, highly trained group leaders support the children as they make their way through their grieving process. Activities are designed specifically to help children hold on to their precious memories, express thoughts and feelings, adapt to the many changes in their lives, and memorialize their parent who died.

#### **School-Based Grief Support Groups**

OUR HOUSE recognizes that many children and teens grieve alone. Parents or guardians may lack access to transportation or other resources needed to bring their child to a support group at one of our locations: West Los Angeles, Woodland Hills centers. Through our landmark School-Based Grief Support Program, we bring our services to the local schools.

Elementary, middle, and high school students can participate, free of charge, in an OUR HOUSE on-site grief support group in their own school. The groups provide a safe place for children to share their thoughts and feelings with other children who are also grieving after the death of a

"The thing I liked most about my group was how comfortable I felt there. I actually looked forward to the sessions. I loved all the projects we did, and it helped me feel like I wasn't the only one my age feeling like I did after my mom died."

- TEEN GROUP MEMBER

family member or close friend.

Students are identified by school personnel and are invited to participate. Upon the completion of the ten-week group, faculty and students report students are better able to concentrate in school and have improved social and behavioral performance.

#### **ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT**

After the death of someone close, a griever's world turns upside down. Waves of emotion including sadness, loneliness, anger, yearning, and shock can make day to day tasks feel overwhelming. Grievers may experience a sense of disbelief and ask themselves, "How did this happen to me? How can this be real? How can I go on?"

Being with others who are experiencing similar feelings provides comfort and support, allowing grievers to move along their path towards hope and healing. An intimate atmosphere helps to create a sense of community and support where feelings and memories can be expressed. The groups allow for nonjudgmental sharing, learning, and healing.

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center groups are specific to the age of the griever, length of time since the death, and relationship to the person who died. Each group consists of eight to twelve members.



#### **In-House Groups**

For those grieving a:

- Partner or Spouse
- Parent or Sibling

Child

 Close Friend or Relative "I'm so grateful for OUR HOUSE.
Going through the grief process is like being on another planet.
OUR HOUSE connected me to others who were also searching for words to feelings that were beyond description. The facilitators of our group provided a space in which we could experience loss without apology. I've never identified with total strangers before in the way that I did at OUR HOUSE. Together, we found our way back to earth."

- ADULT GROUP MEMBER

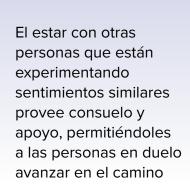


#### SPANISH COMMUNITY PROGRAM PROGRAMA COMUNITARIO EN ESPAÑOL

OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center offers groups in Spanish at our three locations and throughout the community for adults who have experienced the death of someone close.

Después de la muerte de alguien cercano, el mundo de la persona en duelo se altera. Olas de emociones incluyendo tristeza, soledad, enojo, anhelo y shock pueden hacer que las tareas cotidianas se sientan demasiado difíciles. Las personas en duelo podrían experimentar un sentido de incredulidad y preguntarse a sí mismos, "¿Cómo me pudo pasar esto? ¿Cómo

> puede ser real esto? ¿Cómo puedo seguir adelante?"





hacia la esperanza. Una atmósfera íntima ayuda a crear un sentido de comunidad y apoyo en donde los sentimientos y los recuerdos pueden ser expresados.

Los grupos de apoyo al duelo en español de OUR HOUSE son para adultos que han experimentado la muerte de un ser querido cercano. Los grupos son ofrecidos en nuestros tres centros y en diferentes lugares en la comunidad. Los grupos permiten compartir, aprender, procesar el duelo sin ser juzgado y usualmente están formados de seis a ocho miembros.



SPANISH COMMUNITY PROGRAM

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Continuing Education Unit Workshops

OUR HOUSE provides continuing education units for Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Nursing Home Administrators, and Registered Nurses.

Throughout the year, OUR HOUSE clinical staff teach three-day intensive workshops. The workshops provide in-depth education, including intervention strategies and hands-on practice for professionals who wish to become grief literate for children and adults.

"The two presenters are masters and made the training informative, accessible, welcoming, humorous and poignant. I learned so much, and feel more confident about working with clients experiencing grief."

- CEU PARTICIPANT

#### Clergy

OUR HOUSE trains clergy, chaplains, and pastoral counselors at hospitals, hospices, congregations, and seminaries on how to talk with patients who are dying and families who are grieving. We provide clergy and seminary students a unique interactive opportunity to learn from our grief experts and OUR HOUSE alumni.



### **ON-SITE GRIEF RESPONSE**

A death in the workplace or school setting can profoundly affect an organization's staff and community. Daily reminders of the person who died may trigger a myriad of thoughts and emotions. It may become difficult for coworkers or classmates to concentrate, and performance and attendance may drop. A forum will be needed for the expression of shared grief.

OUR HOUSE is available to provide on-site grief support to help people cope. Our clinical staff will design a response that suits the particular setting. Providing compassion and education to grieving employees or students allows the community to begin to heal. We offer the following services on-site or at one of our locations:

- On-site grief support in the early days following a death
- Grief education specific to the workplace or school
- Follow-up grief support groups

"I am in awe that a service like this exists. You helped our company get back on its feet after an incredibly difficult time and allowed us to move forward together after this tragedy."

- SMALL BUSINESS OWNER



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#### **CAMP ERIN**

#### Because no child should grieve alone

Camp Erin Los Angeles is a weekend-long camp providing children ages 6 through 17 with an opportunity to express their grief while enjoying fun outdoor activities. At Camp Erin, children and teens connect with others who are also grieving the death of someone close, learn coping skills to use after camp ends, and honor their special person in memorial activities.

In the last 14 years we have served hundreds of children and teens through this program with the help of more than 50 volunteers each session. We even held a virtual camp during Safer at Home recommendations from local government.













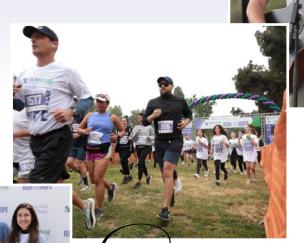


"Camp Erin is legit the best! Everyone is so kind and you will instantly make friends, so don't worry! This camp is just what you will need, trust me! The food is FREAKING AWESOME! Just remember, don't be afraid to talk to people about your feelings. Nobody will judge. Everyone here will support you! Just keep smiling, and when you're not, remember you are not alone!"

- 14-YEAR-OLD CAMP PARTICIPANT

Walk 'n'

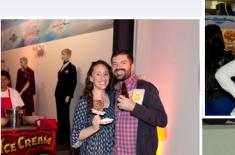
# RUNFORHOPE







# Let's Hope for a Night for Hope Coming in 2024!









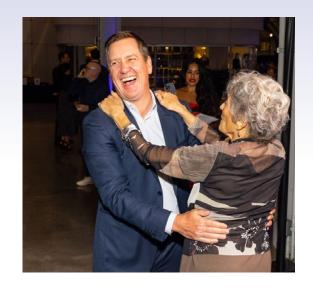


Thank you to OUR Associate Board

# Thank You, TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



for your tremendous committment, generosity, and belief in the OUR HOUSE mission and staff. You are co-creating the next thirty years of expanded and inclusive grief support, bringing hope and healing to an ever widening community.



# Thank You TO OUR BOARD CHAIR

Anthony Guagliano

a driven leader whose astute guidance and solid committment will inform the growth of OUR HOUSE over the next thirty years to support an even larger grieving community.

### Thank You. TO OUR CHAIR OF FUND DEVELOPMENT

Robin Blaw

who has brought such energy and efficacy to our Galas these past few years. Your tireless service is so appreciated, and our gratitude is boundless.





Robbie Blumenfeld, Robin Blau, and Carol April

for a beautiful event! You have been a trinity of hospitality, with thoughtful touches all along the Gala journey.

We are in awe and truly grateful.



Diana Snyder-Ritter

Diana, you are a human can of Red Bull! Fast, furious and fun! Your passion for our house and amazing organization skills have made this auction fly! Thank you for all your hard work and spirit!

THANK YOU FROM LUCIA, TANNER, CAROL, ROBIN, ROBBIE AND OUR HOUSE

# Thank You. TO OUR HOUSE OF HOPE GALA COMMITTEE

for your hard work, auction item solicitation and attention to detail!

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#### TO **OUR** INSPIRING HONOREES,

thank you for shining a special light in the darkness of grief.

You are beacons of hope to our community.

WITH DEEP RESPECT AND GRATITUDE,

the Board of Directors

#### DEAREST JO-ANN,

you are our bright beginning, our persistent present, and our forever future.

We will always draw inspiration from your generous spirit.

LOVE,

the Board of Directors

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for providing us with our Sweet Goodbye treats

WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

### Thank You TO



#### S Donna & Barry Goldfarb

for providing us with the dinner wine this evening and for numerous OUR HOUSE events

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# Ihank You. TO OUR RED CARPET & SIGNAGE SPONSOR



#### Robbie Blumenfeld

Your creativity and generosity know no bounds!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE GALA BEAUTIFUL!

#### In Memorium,

This page is dedicated in loving memory to those who helped shape OUR HOUSE and the programs they offer today.



JUNE EBENSTEINER



**PAUL GELLER** 



**DAN LAUTMAN** 



JACK SCHAEFFER



**DR. ROBERT TAUB** 

To Julia and our valued staff,
You never cease to amaze me. Your hard-work and dedication is

endless. You make Our House the seamless machine that it is.

With love and appreciation, ELLEN & MARK SIMMONS

#### To our valued volunteers,

Everyone knows we would be nowhere at Our House Grief Support Center without the tireless dedication of our volunteers. Here are a few quotes we found that say it better than we could:

"NO ONE IS MORE CHERISHED IN THIS WORLD THAN SOMEONE WHO LIGHTENS THE BURDEN OF ANOTHER. THANK YOU."

—Author Unknown

"VOLUNTEERS ARE LOVE IN MOTION!"

—Author Unknown

"VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART."

—Elizabeth Andrew



To my fellow board members 8 our Founder Jo-Ann,

It is an honor and a privilege to be part of the **Our House Grief Support Center** Board of Directors. In the 10+ years that I've been on the board there have been good and bad times, and I've always known that the organization was in good hands. So many have stepped up to meet unforeseen challenges in truly loving and unselfish ways.

For those of you who are leaving, we know you're not going far, and we greatly appreciate your many years of dedication and hard work. **Our House** would be nowhere without you.





For all that you've done For all that you are For 30 years of Our House

We love and thank you

THE APRIL FAMILY



TO BE A PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATION.

THANK YOU OUR HOUSE FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!

PATTY AND JON COLMAN

HONORING THE ONE & ONLY

Carol April

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENDURING LEADERSHIP & VISION

WITH OUR LOVE & FRIENDSHIP,
THE MUTCHNIKS

Congratulations
TO TOMIGHT'S HONOREES.
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#### JO-ANN LAUTMAN

and the entire Board of Directors on 30 years!



#### **THANK YOU TO THE HONOREES**

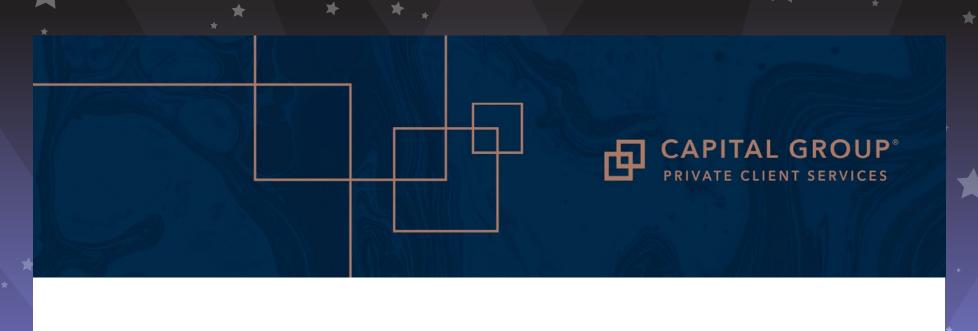
Jo-Ann Lautman
Marc Maron

And our friend, Leslie Yabuki



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# CONGRATULATIONS JO-ANN AND OUR HOUSE FOR 30 YEARS OF AMAZING WORK AND FOR CREATING THIS WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION THAT HAS HELPED SO MANY.

SUSAN & RICK KURTZMAN

#### HANK YOU JO-ANN FOR MAKING OUR HOUSE WHAT IT IS TODAY.

You inspire all of us to work harder to deliver your vision.

**ANTHONY & FRANCESCA GUAGLIANO** 

#### CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR DEAREST JO-ANN AND 30 YEARS OF **OUR** HOUSE! YOU HAD US AT **HELLO**.

THE BEILEY FAMILY

To-Ann

Thank you for your vision 30 years ago!

Without you, OUR HOUSE would not exist!

We all owe you so much for helping so many!

Much Love Always, NANCY, MIKE, TORI, & BRYAN EISENSTADT In loving memory of MARC BECKER

Forever in our Hearts Zo Jo-Ann Lautman

Your vision, dedication, generosity and love have touched so many. You are the true embodiment of one who has made the world a better place, and we are all so grateful.

To Leslie Yabuki

From one Our House alumna to another, I thank you for all you do to continue the good work that Our House has done on behalf of grievers in our community.

To the Our House Board of Directors It is an honor and a privilege to serve alongside you, and I am so proud of what we've been able to accomplish together.

To my adored children,

You are a never ending source of strength, inspiration, and meaning in my life. I love you with all my heart.

#### **OUR HOUSE**

We salute you for the excellent work that you do on behalf of our students and our community.

PAMELA SCHAFF, MD, PHD

DIRECTOR, HEAL (HUMANITIES, ETHICS, ART, AND LAW) PROGRAM
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### We honor your vision, the impact you've made and your continued success

Cedars-Sinai is proud to support Our House Grief Support Center in its mission to help grieving families on their journeys to hope and healing.



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Congratulations to Jo--Ann Lautman and OUR HOUSE Grief Support Center on 30 years of life-changing work in our community!



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The joke's over, you can come back now

LAURIE



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### Our House

for all the Important work you do!!

In loving memory of Dr. Khalil



THE VITALITY INSTITUTE TEAM

### TO EVERYONE AT **OUR HOUSE**:

# Congratulations 30 years!

MARK BAUMOHL

## Dear OUR HOUSE,

Congratulations on 30 years of providing invaluable grief support services to the LA community. Your commitment has been a source of comfort and strength for so many. As you mark this remarkable milestone, we look forward to supporting your mission for another 30 years and beyond. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to those in need

### THE SNYDER & RITTER FAMILIES

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Congratulations

to the Staff & Volunteers for their commitment to the Our House Mission of normalizing grief.

And in Honor of Lautman,

our extraordinary Founder. You are an inspiration!



TO THIS EVENING'S HONOREES & TO THE OUR HOUSE FAMILY ON 30 YEARS

DAVID LEE

\* Much appreciation
TO ALL THE PEOPLE AT OUR HOUSE FOR THE
LOVING WORK THAT YOU DO.\*

THE JENNINGS FAMILY

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# CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to...

Jo-Ann Lautman, our fearless founder who is receiving the well-deserved Founder's Award. Your vision, tenacity, leadership, dedication, and generosity are the reasons we are all here tonight.

**Marc Maron** for showcasing and bringing awareness to grief in a meaningful way.

My Gala Co-Chairs, Carol April & Robbie Blumenfeld for their creativity, dedication, generosity, and endless support to OUR HOUSE and for helping to make tonight a special event.

The OUR HOUSE Development Staff – a special thank you for giving 150% and your patience and unwavering dedication to OUR HOUSE that helped to make tonight's event perfect.

The entire OUR HOUSE staff who continuously provides our community with unmatched grief support and services.

Mith Love & Appreciation, ROBIN & MARK BLAU

Congratulations to my dear friend Joey.

Barbara

ommuni<u>ty</u>

(Jarden)

Jo-Ann Lautman changed my life 30 years ago when she opened OUR HOUSE and welcomed me, a young widow, into her beautiful and compassionate fold.
 My family and I will be forever grateful.

Congratulations on reaching this moment!

WITH DEEPEST LOVE,
REBEKAH AND HOWARD FARBER



#### We wish to congratulate

### JO-ANN LAUTMAN

For receiving the Founder's Award.

She continues to have the energy, The imagination, and the insight That led her to found Our House.

She is honest, witty, and thoroughly Engaging. There is no one more deserving To receive this award. We're sorry that We cannot be there to see her receive the Accolades she more than deserves.

Jo-Ann, we love you for what you do And for who you are.

BETH AND BARRY ROSENBLOOM, MD

*— 80 —* 

We honor

# Superstar JO-ANN LAUTMAN

for the Founder's Award and all the other honorees!

We recognize Nancy Eisenstadt & Patty Colman for all their efforts throughout the years for OUR HOUSE

DEBBY, RICK, ASHLEY, JEREMY, TAHL, NOA, & ROMI

### **WE CONGRATULATE**

Jo-Ann Lautman
on this well deserved honor

Your vision, devotion, and leadership on behalf of **Our House** and the wonderful work it does, is an inspiration to all of us and our community.

Thank you for helping so many families during difficult times.

All Our Love,

STEVE AND LINDA BROWN, BRUCE BROWN, AND LAURIE CRAIG



## Deb and Irwin Feinberg & The FMBK Team:

Thank Jo-Ann for all that she has done for Our House since founding this amazing organization



Our House would not be what it is without her vision and passion



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to Our House for your incredible work and changing the lives of so many.

Happy 30th!

WITH LOVE,
HEIDI AND JON MONKARSH AND FAMILY

Jory

You never cease to amaze us with your hard work and dedication

We cherish your friendship and love sharing our children together

### **ORNA & KEENAN WOLENS**

# THANK YOU **JO-ANN** FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR THE CITY OF ANGELS

### YOU ROCK!

With Gratitude,
HAROLD, STEPHANIE, SPENCER AND GREER BRONSON

"To lose a member of one's family is a shattering experience...
as if something of ourselves had died too. Not to grieve
is wrong, inhuman."

- RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS

For thirty years, OUR HOUSE has fulfilled a vital role, lending support to those, particularly children, who need a safe place to grieve.

### Congratulations to the honorees of tonight's gala.

We also send our love and admiration to our dear friend CAROL APRIL whose dedication and commitment to OUR HOUSE since its inception is truly inspirational.

JANINE, SIMONETTE AND LEO, JACQUELINE, AND DANIEL, BENJAMIN, AND CAROLINE

### OUR PLANET NEEDS MORE JO-ANN LAUTMANS.

With so much are and gratitude, EDEN AND STEVEN ROMICK

Congratulations

Marc on your Good Grief Award.

And Mom/Laurie,
we are so proud
of you and all you do for OUR HOUSE

Love,

**NICK & CAROLYN** 



To my dear friend and neighbor, Jo-ann.

You created something so meaningful for so many and you should be standing tall and proud!

> Love, SANDI

In Honor of Lauren Schneider and her amazing work for OUR HOUSE

THE GILBERT-LURIE FAMILY

THANK YOU OUR HOUSE FOR ALL THE IMPORTANT WORK YOU DO!!

*In loving memory of Dr. Khalil.* 

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With much appreciation to the board, staff, volunteers, and all of you for supporting OUR HOUSE. Thank you all for welcoming OUR HOUSE into YOUR house. You are the CEMENT and MORTAR that is our foundation.

We are the little "AGENCY" that could.

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROBERT TAUB, MY HUSBAND DAN, AND MY GRANDSON BEN.

XOXO WITH LOVE, JOEY

Jo-ann