

Ladies of Grace Los Angeles Support “WOMEN WITH CHILDREN IN CRISIS”

The Knights of Peter Claver (KPC) 4th Degree Ladies of Grace Division, Ellen Marie Jackson Chapter 13 of Los Angeles, California, hosted their Second Annual High Tea to benefit the Good Shepherd Shelter for Battered Women with Children (GSSFBWWC). Held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Culver City, CA; the event shed light on the issue of domestic violence in the Greater Los Angeles Metropolitan area. Lieutenant LaDonna Cissell-Day of the Los Angeles Police Department (also a KPC Ladies Auxiliary member of St. Francis X. Cabrini Court #319) provided the keynote address where she highlighted several facts about domestic violence including: 1) Every 15 seconds, a woman is beaten. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States. 2) Women of all cultures, races, occupations, income levels, and ages are battered by husbands, boyfriends, lovers and partners. 3) Women who leave their batterers are at a 75% greater risk of being killed by the batterer than those who stay. She also highlighted the three-phase Cycle of Domestic Violence that begins with Phase 1- the Honeymoon/Romance Stage where all is well; Phase 2- Tension Stage where batterers yell/make threats and the victim begins to experience guilty feelings and fear; Phase 3 – Violence Stage where emotional, physical, financial, and/or sexual abuse occurs followed by apologies with gifts and signs of utmost gratitude that return you back to the Honeymoon/Romance Stage. Lieutenant LaDonna Cissell-Day challenged us to help in any way we can, to break this cycle. The event culminated with all in attendance taking the pledge to be a crusader against



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domestic violence, after which, each person then received a crusader against domestic violence pin to commemorate their pledge. Attendees participated in a silent auction and hat contest all of which contributed to the Gracious Ladies of Chapter 13 presenting a donation of \$3000.00 to the Good Shepherd Shelter for Battered Women with Children, that was presented to Sister Anne Kelley, the Shelter's Director. The Faithful Navigator of Chapter 13, Gracious Lady Doris Tims, commented that the Ladies of Grace have supported the Good Shepherd Shelter for over 33 years.



Above photo left to right: Cheryl Blount, Britney Blount, Barbara Aquillard, and Ronald Haynes – Fundraiser Hat Contest Winners



Photo above: Sister Anne Kelly, Director of GSSFBWWC, receives \$3000 donation from the KPC Ladies of Grace Chapter 13