

Celebrities Step Out to Help Los Angeles Foster Care Children

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(PASADENA, CA) - Stepping out of their shoes to help Los Angeles foster care children, celebrities participated in the first-ever Hillsides “Foster Soles” online auction of celebrity autographed shoes.

With over 500,000 children in foster care nationwide and 32,000 children receiving child welfare services in Los Angeles County, celebrities including one generous Pasadena restaurant took a stand to help foster care children served by Hillsides, a foster care children’s charity. Bar Celona, a modern Spanish tapas bar, restaurant and lounge, hosted the launch of Hillsides “Foster Soles.”

With the aim of also spreading awareness of foster care issues, the online auction drew attention of many celebrities and their autographed shoes. Celebrities included Allana Pratt, Billy Joel, Billy Zane, Bob Birch, Brenda Song, Bruce Campbell, Bruce Gray, Carmen Electra, Cast of Rent, Cheryl Farrell, Christine Devine, Chuck Henry, Cole Sprouse, Colleen Williams, Courteney Cox Arquette, Dave Koz, Davey Johnstone, David Arquette, Debby Boone, Debby Ryan, Denzel Washington, Cast of Desperate Housewives, Disney, Dylan Sprouse, Elton John, Fox 11/MY 13, Fritz Coleman, Gabrielle Anwar, Giada De Laurentiis, Guy Babylon, Jack Johnson, Jackie Johnson, Jake Gyllenhaal, James Galanos, Jamie Kennedy, Jean Smart, Jeffrey Donovan, Jennifer Love-Hewitt, John Mahon, Jon Chu and the Cast of Step Up 3D, Jon Turteltaub, Kaitlin Olson, Kaitlyn Gilliland, Kelly Slater, KCAL9 and CBS2, Lance Bass, Marisa Coughlan, Markie Post, Marlee Matlin, Martha Williamson, Mia Lee, Monique Coleman, NBC4, Nicolas Cage, Nigel Olsson, Pat Harvey, Paul Wylie, Rachel Hunter, Richard Gilliland, Rod Stewart, Sharon Tay, Shia LaBeouf, Susan Hirasuna, Sylvia Lopez, Tony Valdez, Vera Jimenez.

Bar Celona offered a VIP lounge which included complimentary Bar Celona signature sangria and Spanish champagne

(cava). Guests savored the chef's selection of Spanish tapas, which were tomato gazpacho with grapes, coriander shrimp ceviche with pickled serrano chile and charred leek oil avocado on fried rice chip, pork and salmon conservas on crostini, chicken empanadas with cilantro puree, goat cheese and chard empanadas, albondigas with basil puree, pork croquetas with garlic aioli, and grilled chicken skewers.

Guests also bid on celebrity autographed shoes, which were displayed at the venue. To add to the festivities, guests wore their funniest or wildest shoes for an additional evening contest judged by John Mahon of Elton John's Band, Cheryl Farrell of Jeopardy! Clues Crew, and world-renowned metal sculpturist Bruce Gray.

Several auction items will continue to be listed through May 22. To learn more about the foster care children's charity or Hillsides "Foster Soles" and the auction, visit www.Hillsides.org.

About Hillsides: As a Pasadena foster care charity founded in 1913, Hillsides creates safe places for children at risk and their families by providing residential care, mental health services to break the cycle of domestic violence, special education, and advocacy. To learn more about Hillsides, visit www.Hillsides.org.

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