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### ***Sherwood Cares Spring Events Raise \$500,000+ for Local Charities***

THOUSAND OAKS, California – The Sherwood Country Club Charitable Foundation (referred to as *Sherwood Cares*) has reached another milestone in its fundraising for giving back to the community. Its trio of *Sherwood Cares* events over two days, April 29-30, netted over \$500,000 that will benefit local charities bringing the total amount raised since the Foundation's inception 4 years ago to over \$1 million.

The first event of the 2-day celebration, the Tennis and Pickleball Fun Tournament, was a lively mix of games, raffles and DJ-curated music. Over 70 people joined the round robin/bump-up-bump-down format encouraging old and new friends to connect. Swag bags, raffle prizes and chance to win a 2-year lease on a 2018 Lexus topped off the festivities.

The next event was a *Games for Good* themed cocktail party and dinner honoring Sherwood members and philanthropists Paul and Olenka Speaker. The evening began on the elegant clubhouse patio with a specialty cocktail reception and silent auction. Then Paul Speaker and Sherwood member and award-winning actor, John O'Hurley, roused the crowd during the live auction to help break fundraising records. The crowd stayed well into the night listening to, singing along with, and dancing to dueling pianos played by New Orleans greats Tim Buie and Clinton Tyler Johnson.

Monday morning capped off the festivities with an 18-hole golf tournament played on the spectacular Jack Nicholas-designed Sherwood Country Club course. Hole-in-one prizes included Rolex watches, Garia golf cart, Porsche, Audi and a Chevy Volt. After great food, drink and massages, the crowd enjoyed watching the Rusnak Million Dollar Shootout.

The event committees for the record-breaking events were made up of Dina Furash, Susan Stephani, Bernadette Straatsma, Lisa Furfine, Barbara Vass, Terry Correll, Tim Hammond, Karen Johnston, Karen Keglevic, Mark McCourt, Michael Pomada, Karen Shin, Bill Morton, Hal Weinstein, Matthew Bailey, George Carney, Dan Cimino, Paul Coleman, Jeff Fowler, Pat Henahan, Hardy Warren, Christa Fowler, Stephanie Hunter, Samantha Lavi, Heather Sims and Sharon Tesoriero.



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In attendance was the second year Presenting Sponsor, Invesco/PowerShares, and a stellar list of companies who contribute substantially to the event every year: Rusnak, Polacheck's Jewelers, Brtuzkus Gubner, Union Bank, Ameriihome, NINJIO, Merrill Lynch, Cobalt, Bunnin, Top Cart, Westlake Village Inn, Lexus, School Device Coverage and Wilshire Media.

Event Chairperson, Dina Furash, stated, "We are so appreciative to our honorees, Paul and Olenka Speaker, for their ongoing commitment to their community and beyond. Following their example, the Sherwood membership through their incredible generosity truly showed that the Sherwood membership is committed to helping our neighbors in need to have greater opportunity and better lives."

For non-profit organizations within a 25-mile radius of Sherwood Country Club, we invite you to visit [sherwoodcares.org](http://sherwoodcares.org) for grant eligibility, applications and timing. *Our mission is to serve children and families in our community by supporting programs that address educational, medical, nutritional and safety needs.*

#### **About Sherwood Country Club Charitable Foundation**

The Sherwood Country Club Charitable Foundation was established as a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization in 2012. The Foundation is known as a significant force in supporting children and families in need of medical, nutritional, educational and safety assistance throughout our community. Grant applications are accepted in two award cycles each year: January-February and July-August. Awards are granted in May and November for the first and second cycles, respectively. Thus far, the Foundation has provided over \$700,000 in grants to local charitable organizations. Sherwood Country Club members contribute to the Foundation in various ways; they serve on the board and committees, attend Sherwood Cares-sponsored events and participate in local community service days. For more information, please contact Sherwood Country Club Charitable Foundation at 320 W. Stafford Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91362, by telephone at (805) 496-3036 or visit [www.sherwoodcares.org](http://www.sherwoodcares.org).