

Brent and Jody Polacheck

Brent Polacheck,
with Greg and
Meghan FinebeckGeorge Carney, President
of Sherwood Cares, with
wife Judy Carney

Alison and Shawn Horwitz

Jenna Lorin, Lauren
Shemtov, Ethan Shemtov
and Jacob Wan

SHERWOOD CARES DIAMOND RANCH ANNUAL COCKTAIL PARTY AND DINNER

Nearly \$1 million net was raised Sunday night, Oct. 2, at the *Sherwood Cares* Annual Gala Fundraiser. The Sherwood Country Club Charitable Foundation, otherwise known as *Sherwood Cares*, held its annual event to raise funds to further its mission: To support programs that address the educational, medical, nutritional and safety needs of children and families in the community. Over the past seven years, 55 charities that provide services within a 25-mile radius of the Club have received over \$3.4 million in *Sherwood Cares* grants.

This year's gala theme was Diamond Ranch. The attire and décor were upscale ranch. There was a whiskey and

cigar bar, flasks at the tables, servers wearing western bolo ties and an after party including line dancing and dueling pianos.

Local philanthropists and Sherwood members **Brent and Jody Polacheck** were honored at the dinner. Steve Polacheck, Brent's father, spoke movingly about his son and daughter-in-law's giving back to the community — the same habits they are teaching their children.

Sherwood Cares board President George Carney gushed, "With the Polachecks' support, this very energetic and joyful evening of almost 300 guests broke all our fundraising records — and culminated in raising \$1 million."



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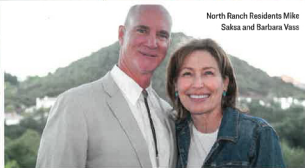
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Saksa and Barbara Vass

Andrew Whitworth, Sherwood member, All-Pro, five-time Pro Bowler and Super Bowl Champion, served as emcee for the evening. During the live auction and paddle raise, the guests were treated to Andrew's good-natured comedic exchanges with the very entertaining auctioneer, Zack Krone.

The Presenting Sponsor for the evening was Westlake Village-based Aureus Finance Group, founded by Sherwood member Trixy Castro. Trixy spoke briefly about how she and her family benefitted from foundations like *Sherwood Cares* when she was growing up. She has given back ever since. Trixy also expounded on the impressive due diligence process that the *Sherwood Cares* grants committee follows.

Stacy DeWitt, director of local nonprofit James Storehouse, shared some touching examples of donations that work for the many foster youth who age out of the system and no longer have a dedicated support system.

Due to the success of this event and the generosity of the attendees, sponsors and auction donors, *Sherwood Cares* expects to have donated more than \$4 million in total grants to our local nonprofits by early next year.

The Sherwood Country Club Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Please visit sherwoodcares.org for more information.