



# PHILANTHROPY

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## So Many Reasons to Celebrate

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**Human Options** celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting the annual Fall Luncheon for Domestic Violence Awareness on Oct. 13 at Hotel Irvine. The luncheon netted \$122,000, which will go toward Human Options' domestic violence programs, including a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling, legal advocacy and community education.

The luncheon featured keynote speaker **Jackson Katz**, an educator, author, filmmaker, cultural theorist, and activist on issues of violence and gender. He co-founded the **Mentors in Violence Prevention** program.

Katz encouraged men to do more than just avoid being perpetrators of domestic violence. He stressed that in order for the cycle of domestic violence to end, men must actively take a stand against the behaviors and beliefs that normalize gender-based violence.

