

# SERIOUS FUN

## *Under the Stars*

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Dear Friend & Supporter,

We invite you to support Human Options by contributing an item to the auction at our upcoming **Serious Fun Gala** on **Saturday, May 16, 2026** at the **Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach**. By donating a product, service, or experience, your generosity will help raise critical funds for survivors of relationship violence and their families rebuilding their lives free from fear.

This year's gala celebrates Human Options' **45th Anniversary** and brings more than 300 community and business leaders together **Under the Stars**—a theme honoring the legacy of those who have helped create a safer Orange County and the possibilities that future generations will shape. Your donation, whether personal or from your business, offers meaningful support for a mission that transforms lives. For businesses, it also provides valuable visibility among an engaged and philanthropic audience.

Both our Silent and Live Auctions are highlights of the evening, and the generosity of individuals and companies like yours helps us generate essential revenue for our life-saving programs. Every dollar raised directly supports survivors and ensures they have a safe place to turn.

We hope you will consider donating an item to this year's auction. With your contribution, you will be recognized through event signage and stage acknowledgment as a valued supporter of Human Options and our mission. An Auction Item Donation Form is enclosed, along with a snapshot of the impact your support makes. To ensure proper recognition, please return the form by **May 1, 2026**.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting a cause that strengthens our community.

With gratitude,



Nikole Kingston



Kim Grimm

**MAY 16, 2026 | 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**BALBOA BAY RESORT**

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### Auction Item Details

Please include a detailed description of the auction item. Include quantity, number of people, restrictions, blackout dates, expiration dates, or any other conditions.

Estimated Value: \$\_\_\_\_\_

If there is a "bidding war," may we sell this item twice?  Yes  No

Can you provide photos or logos?  Yes  No

If yes, are there any conditions or restrictions:

Can this item physically be at the event?  Yes  No

Do you have a gift certificate?  Yes  No

Instructions and contact information for winner to redeem the item:

### Details for Recognition

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Recognition Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Item Retrieval

If applicable, can you mail or drop off the item by **May 1, 2026**?  Yes  No

Would you like a Human Options staff member to pick up your item?  Yes  No

Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_:\_\_\_ AM/PM Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Claire Otterbein at [cotterbein@humanoptions.org](mailto:cotterbein@humanoptions.org) or PO Box 53745, Irvine, CA 92619.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

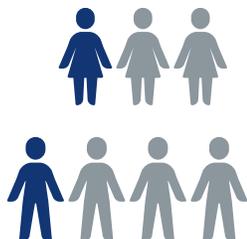
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## Your Impact on Survivors



At Serious Fun, we gather to celebrate and learn more about Human Options' life-saving work, come together as a community, and honor those who serve our organization.

But we also have a vital mission to raise critical funds so that survivors and their families can access the services they need. Your contributions to our gala help ensure that Human Options remains Orange County's leading safe haven for survivors. **The impact you make is real and helps survivors transform their lives and break the cycle of violence.**



**1:3 women & 1:4 men in the U.S. have experienced relationship violence.**



**1,436 clients participated in direct services last year.**  
**24-HOUR HOTLINE: 877.854.3594**



**90% of survivors found safe housing upon exiting our programs.**



**Children exposed to relationship violence are 3x more likely to repeat the cycle in the future.**



**94% of teens in our programs identify at least one adult they would turn to if they were in an unsafe relationship.**



**Human Options advocates responded to over 5,900 calls for help last year.**

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