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### **WTLC Raises over \$50,000 at Annual Gala**

April 6, 2017 – Last week, the Women’s Transitional Living Center (WTLC) celebrated its donors at its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Black and White Ball, which raised over \$50,000 in support of the organization’s domestic violence and human trafficking programs.

WTLC is dedicated to ending the cycle of violence and exploitation, and its donors have supported the oldest domestic violence emergency shelter in Orange County as it has grown to provide services beyond housing, including counseling, crisis intervention, and clinical and legal advocacy.

Over 140 supporters came together for a night of celebration—attendees bid high on both silent and live auction items, enjoyed dinner and dessert, heard a survivor speak about her time at WTLC, and headed out to the dance floor to show off their moves. Fullerton Insurance Services, Inc. received the Honor Award for the company’s numerous years of commitment and support, and Jessica Dorman-Davis and Richard Davis received the Empower Award for their many years of service to the organization.

Executive Director Gigi Tsontos thanked attendees for their support and spoke about WTLC’s exciting plans for the future. Opening in the fall of this year, WTLC’s new Center will provide support and services to survivors in the Orange County community outside of an emergency shelter setting. Tsontos says, “The dedication of our donors is what makes it possible for WTLC to continue to break down barriers in support of survivors. It’s because of these donors that we will be able to open our doors to the community this fall.” The Center’s Open House will be October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Save the date for what is sure to be another exciting event!

#### **About WTLC**

WTLC is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families escape the depths of domestic violence and exploitation by providing the tools and resources to build self-esteem and empower people for independent living. If you or someone you know is the victim

of abuse, contact our 24-hour bilingual hotline at (877) 531-5522 or [love@wtlc.org](mailto:love@wtlc.org). For more information about WTLC, visit: [www.wtlc.org](http://www.wtlc.org).

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