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Big Brothers Big Sisters Raises Record-Breaking \$2.4 million at the 53rd Annual Gourmet Dinner

Scotch, cars and cigars made the 53rd Annual Gourmet Dinner a not-to-be-missed event in 2017. The sold-out black-tie fundraiser, held Sept. 28 at the Balboa Bay Resort, grossed approximately \$2.4 million in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire's one-to-one youth mentoring programs.

The evening's program kicked off in the ballroom with a presentation of the colors from community partner Sunburst Youth Academy and national anthem performed by the All-American Boys Chorus, followed by a multicourse gourmet dinner. Actor David Arquette served as master of ceremonies for the event, which was co-chaired by Peter Desforges (*Wohl Investment Co.*), Navin Narang (*FHP Capital Partners*) and W. Henry Walker (*F&M Bank*). Recognized at this year's event with the Joel K. Rubenstein Award was Joseph J. Ueberroth, founder and president of the Bellwether Financial Group.



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Date of Event: Sept. 28, 2017

Attendance: 400

Gross Revenue: \$2.4 million

Location: Balboa Bay Resort

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Pat Newton, Big Brothers Big Sisters CEO Melissa Beck, Gourmet Dinner Committee Member Rob Friedman, Lance Friedman, Dan Callahan



Mitch Leyton, Committee Member Todd Pickup, Gourmet Dinner Co-Chair Navin Narang, Blake Johnson



Gourmet Dinner Co-Chair Henry Walker



Gourmet Dinner Co-Chair Peter Desforges presents Joseph Ueberroth (left) with the 2017 Joel K. Rubenstein Award

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