

PRESS RELEASE

Women of Wine Charities Announces \$115,000 Donation to the Houston Area Women's Center *More than doubles 2013 donation, brings to-date total to \$328,000*

HOUSTON, TEXAS – November 18, 2015 – Women of Wine Charities (WOW), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, today announced a year-end donation totaling \$115,000 to The Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC). The donation represents WOW's largest donation to date and a 15% increase over its 2014 donation to HAWC. The donation is in the form of unrestricted funds and brings WOW's total historical donations to HAWC to \$328,000.

"Women of Wine has 'WOWed' us again with this huge donation," said Houston Area Women's Center President and CEO Rebecca White. "Their success as fundraisers, and their commitment to helping survivors, is remarkable. We are so grateful for all they do and cannot say thank you enough."

"We are so excited to be able to make this donation to The Houston Area Women's Center," said Denise Ehrlich, Women of Wine Charities' President. "HAWC's efforts to provide shelter, counseling and advocacy to individuals affected by domestic and sexual violence as they build lives free from the effects of violence is absolutely crucial. We're proud to be able to support them in this way, and we look forward to taking this continuing fundraising momentum into 2016."

WOW's annual events include monthly happy hours, the popular Sangria Throwdown, and the Women of Wine Grand Tasting. The 2014 Grand Tasting was held on September 21st at The Wynden and raised approximately 70% of the year-end \$115,000 donation.

WOW also has created a <u>Safe Night's Sleep</u> giving program that provides a family with a safe and supportive night at HAWC's emergency shelter with every \$45 donation.

About Women of Wine Charities: Women of Wine Charities is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that holds several wine-related events and educational programs each year to benefit the Houston Area Women's Center. Our membership consists of a network of women working in the wine industry, women associated with the wine industry, and women who are wine enthusiasts. Connect with WOW at www.wowcharities.org, on Facebook (WOWCharities) and Twitter (@WOWCharities).

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