CATHOLIC CHARITIES GALA RAISES FUNDS

The 22nd annual Evening of Hope Benefit was held Nov. 3 at the Victoria Club in Riverside to benefit the Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The fundraiser immersed guests in the Catholic Charities mission of “providing compassionate social services that respond to the suffering of the vulnerable and those in crisis in our local communities,” according to a news release.

In addition to a silent auction, “Gifts for Others” allowed guests to directly impact the families Catholic Charities serves. Items such as diapers, groceries, laundry detergent, prescription assistance, meal delivery for homebound seniors, and more were provided to families in need.

Kim Carter was honored at Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties’ 22nd annual Evening of Hope benefit at the Victoria Club in Riverside on Saturday, Nov. 3.

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Kim Carter, CEO of Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, with honoree Art Alcaraz at the 22nd annual Evening of Hope benefit.

One of the highlights of the evening was the acknowledgement of the 2023 Catholic Charities’ “Providing Help, Creating Hope” honorees.

The evening celebrated the work of Catholic Charities with a special live auction where guests held up auction paddles to raise funds for the Higher Education Student Investment Program. These funds are used to support field placement for college interns; community college scholarships; social work fellowships; and re-entry partnerships with local universities.

Some of the beneficiaries include Kim Carter and Arturo J. Alcaraz. Carter is known in San Bernardino for her work as the founder and executive director of Time for Change Foundation. She developed the foundation’s first affordable housing project, the Phoenix Square, which is a seven-unit apartment complex for low-income families.

Alcaraz is known for his work as the director of diversity and human resources for the Riverside Community College District. He has served as a Human Resources Director for the former Riverside General Hospital, the City of Riverside, the Health Services Agency, and the City of Moreno Valley. He was one of the original founders of the Riverside City College Puente Mentor Council and has served as a mentor in the program since 1999.

Carter and Alcaraz were honored for their extraordinary work in the Inland Counties with a personalized piece of artwork commissioned by local artist Michael Bernbaum, of Riverside.