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## Neighborhood activities show signs of a return to normal

By John Welborne, Nona Friedman and Billy Taylor

In February, members of **Las Madrinas** gathered in person to present to Bonnie McClure, chair of the Associates and Affiliates of Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA), a $2.5 million contribution to the hospital on behalf of the Las Madrinas members. The gift — a record for Las Madrinas — resulted from a year in which 56 families were honored in December at a combined 2020-2021 Debutante Ball at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

The funds complete the $5 million Las Madrinas Endowment for the Chief of Neurology Chair and the Neurological Institute Epilepsy Program. A portion of the gift also marks the beginning of a new $5 million pledge to the Las Madrinas Diagnostic Innovation Endowment at CHLA.

At the luncheon, 11 Las Madrinas members were honored for their extraordinary generosity to the organization and the hospital, including Ann Dobson Barrett, Hilary Esketh Crahan, Diane Trasky Hawley, Alison Shea Knoll, Annabel Darling Montgomery, Jaclyn Allison Hill Quinlan, Alison Lynch Reilly, Anne Milias Ryan, Alison Holland Thompson, Megan Lynch Webber and Shannon Seiter Williamson. Their names will be added to the Las Madrinas Plaque displayed in the lobby of CHLA.

An additional six members were honored with the newly created Las Madrinas Butterfly Plaque, which is designed to recognize existing Plaque Honorees for their continued beneficence. The Las Madrinas Butterfly Honorees are Sarah Keller Cox, the late Michele McGarry Crahan, Megan McLeod Hernandez, Sarah Mage Keller, Kathleen Leavey McCarthy and Elayne Griffin Techentin.

**LAS MADRINAS'** newly honored members include, from left to right, Hilary Esketh Crahan, Ann Dobson Barrett, Diane Trasky Hawley, Alison Shea Knoll, Annabel Darling Montgomery, Jaclyn Allison Hill Quinlan, Megan Lynch Webber, Alison Lynch Reilly, Anne Milias Ryan, Alison Holland Thompson and Shannon Seiter Williamson.

The new board of directors for 2022 was elected, and three new Las Madrinas members — Sujie Ha Min, Mary Catherine Kribs Loureiro and Neville Wallis Anderson (of Hancock Park) — were introduced.

**NEW MEMBERS** of Las Madrinas include (left to right) Sujie Ha Min, Mary Catherine Kribs Loureiro and Neville Wallis Anderson. Not pictured is new member Elaine Paul Seidel.