

## **Pacific House Food and Wine Experience Raises \$40K to Help Homeless Youth**

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Hundreds of community leaders, food and music enthusiasts and community-minded area residents gathered together at the Pacific House Food & Wine Experience Thursday night at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel. The event raised nearly \$40,000 to help homeless youth and the Pacific House Young Adult Program.

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This community tradition offered delicious tastes from award-winning local restaurants, top chefs and sommeliers. Music, a fun photo booth and moving remarks rounded out this inspiring evening of caring for our community.

“Pacific House plays a vital role in our community,” said state Rep. Matt Blumenthal, who represents parts of Stamford and Darien in the state House of Representatives. “Stamford is a place that cares for its own, and that can’t happen without Pacific House.”

The evening raised funds for the Pacific House Young Adult Program, which helps homeless young adults in lower Fairfield County find housing and connects them with employment, education and support services that prepare them for adulthood.

Specialized case managers, programs and a dedicated living space at the Pacific House shelter helps these young people avoid a lifetime of homelessness.

“I’ve been involved in helping the homeless community for over 20 years,” said Jerre Skeats of Darien. “Pacific House does a great job in executing their vision for transitioning people out of homelessness.”

“We are grateful to our community partners, sponsors and supporters for making this event a success,” said Rafael Pagan, Jr., executive director of Pacific House. “The people here tonight are the reason we’re able to

accomplish the life-changing work that we do.”

Pacific House is grateful to the evening’s generous sponsors, First County Bank, Webster Bank, ShopRite, Joan A. Connor, and the Fred and Joan Weisman Fund. Additional thanks are extended to the vendors including, Bareburger, The Cakery, Columbus Park Trattoria, DiMare Pastry Shop, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, Kashi Stamford, Longford’s Ice Cream, Peter Chang, Stamford Sheraton, Sweet Lisa’s Exquisite Cakes, Triangles Eats, Westfair Productions, and Unbakeables.

### **About Pacific House**

Pacific House is the only regional men’s emergency shelter, serving the towns of Greenwich, Stamford, New Canaan, Darien and beyond.

Since 1985 the organization has served our area by providing food, temporary shelter and an array of support services to homeless men and young adults, including workforce development, recovery programming, and job readiness training.

Shelter case managers work with each individual, helping them obtain housing and becoming more self-sufficient. Visit [www.PacificHouse](http://www.PacificHouse) to learn more, or to make a donation.