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Laura's House Announces Board Officers for 2008

Wayne Pinnell, CPA, Managing Partner of Haskell & White LLP, leads as new board chair

Ladera Ranch, Calif. – Laura's House, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending the silence of domestic and family violence in Orange County, has named its 2008 board officers. They are: Wayne Pinnell, CPA – chair; Kathleen Nickerson, PhD – vice chair; JoAnna Kraynek – treasurer; and Daniel Sussman – secretary.

“We are honored to have a group of highly-skilled and committed board members who bring invaluable expertise, insight and vision to Laura's House,” said Margaret Bayston, Laura's House executive director. “Our board officers are our greatest ambassadors of the organization and our mission which is changing social beliefs, attitudes and the behaviors that perpetuate domestic violence while creating a safe space in which to empower individuals and families affected by abuse.”

Laura's House board chair, Wayne Pinnell, is the managing partner for Haskell & White LLP in Irvine. Pinnell is responsible for leading the Board and is a partner to the organization's chief executive to achieve its mission and goals. Additionally, he provides strategic direction for Haskell & White, one of Southern California's largest independently owned accounting firms and business advisory firms. A previous member of the Board for five years, this is Pinnell's second term as a board officer for Laura's House.

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In her second year as a board member of Laura's House, Kathleen Nickerson, PhD of Coastal Counseling and Coaching in Newport Beach serves as the organization's 2008 vice chair. Nickerson is a licensed clinical psychologist, speaker and author who specializes in helping people strengthen their lives and relationships.

JoAnna Kraynek is a senior manager at Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP. She serves as the treasurer and is the chair of the finance committee. She has been on the board of directors serving Laura's House since 2005.

Daniel Sussman, in his third year as a board member of Laura's House, serves as the secretary for the 2008 term. He is the co-founder of Brendan Group Inc. and president of Seven4one Inc. and has had more than 30 years of business experience in a variety of industries, including banking, real estate and hospitality.

About Laura's House

Annually, Laura's House provides residential shelter services to more than 200 women and children; counseling to more than 600 clients; legal services to more than 700 clients; and assists with more than 1,200 crisis hot-line calls. For more information regarding Laura's House, please call (949) 361-3775 or visit their website www.laurashouse.org.

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