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Hillsides Annual Gala to Benefit Children, Youth, and Families

Sisters Joan McCarthy and Diane Hough to Serve as
Gala Co-chairs of *La Dolce Vita, A Tuscan Affair*

LOS ANGELES – December 12, 2024 – Hillsides, a nonprofit focused on children and youth behavioral health services and foster care and adoption, will host its annual fundraising gala Saturday, February 22, 2025, at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in Los Angeles at six o'clock in the evening. This year's event, *La Dolce Vita, A Tuscan Affair*, is co-chaired by longstanding Hillsides supporters and sisters, Joan McCarthy and Diane Hough.

At Hillsides, caring teams nurture children, youth, and families through a journey from trauma toward a beautiful life ahead. Through community-based services, residential treatment, foster care and adoption, and young adult programs, they work together to overcome challenges and create lasting change.

Joan and Diane recently embarked on a memorable journey to Italy with their husbands in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversaries. They became enchanted by Italy's breathtaking beauty, warm hospitality, and rich history, which left an indelible mark on their hearts.

"We are pleased to serve as your Gala Co-Chairs this year to honor Hillsides' great work and the beautiful life it creates for our community. It is our hope that *La Dolce Vita* will fill your heart as you learn more about Hillsides and celebrate the simple joys that make life truly beautiful – art, culture, good food, fine wine, and most importantly, family."

The annual gala is an impactful event where community members, allies, and advocates gather to celebrate Hillsides' mission of healing children and empowering families. It's an evening of inspiration and generosity, raising essential funds to ensure the best quality of care for Hillsides clients.



This year, guests will step into the beloved world of La Dolce Vita, “the sweet life.” For Italians and many around the world, it’s more than a way of life. It’s a philosophy. It’s about living passionately, embracing the beauty of life, and cherishing loved ones.

La Dolce Vita will feature a cocktail reception and silent auction a fine dining experience, a guest speaker whose life was touched by Hillsides, special musical performances, and a live auction hosted by Hillsides’ long-time friend, Fritz Coleman.

If you would like to sponsor the event, donate an auction item, or attend the annual gala, [click here](#). We look forward to sharing the evening together as we embrace the essence of Tuscan living and savor every moment of the sweet life with open arms.

About Hillsides

Hillsides is a leading health and human services nonprofit with programs throughout Greater Los Angeles. For over a century, the organization has helped children, youth, and families heal through trauma-informed care, behavioral health treatment, and foster care and adoption services. Hillsides also provides support to young adults with transitional housing, life skills training, and job training and placement. Learn how you can help children to heal, grow, and thrive at [Hillsides.org](https://www.hillsides.org).

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