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Hillsides Raises Over \$520,000 at *Into the Wild*, Annual Gala 2026

Los Angeles, CA (March 5, 2026) - [Hillsides](https://hillsides.org), a nonprofit focused on children and youth behavioral health services, raised more than **\$520,000** at its 2026 Annual Gala, *Into the Wild*, held on February 28, 2026, at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites Los Angeles.

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The black-tie evening brought together community leaders, philanthropists, corporate partners, and dedicated supporters in celebration of the 12,000 children, youth, and families Hillsides serves each year.

Into the Wild honored the strength it takes to navigate life's most unpredictable terrain. Guests experienced an immersive setting filled with lush décor and safari-inspired elements while learning how Hillsides provides compassionate mental health care, safe housing, and community-based support that helps individuals heal, grow, and thrive.

Throughout the evening, powerful music and a guest speaker's story highlighted the organization's more than century-long legacy as a sanctuary for young people and families facing crisis. Funds raised will directly support Hillsides' comprehensive programs which ensure clients have access to critical therapeutic services, stable housing, and the tools they need to build brighter futures.

"We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and partners who made this extraordinary night possible," said Uyen-Uyen Vo. "Their generosity demonstrates a shared commitment to walking alongside individuals as they find their path forward."

The gala was made possible by many generous sponsors, including the presenting sponsor, The Donald Zonshine Family Foundation and The Galletly Family, and major sponsors Marge and Sherm Telleen and USI Insurance Services.

Entertainment was provided by GRAMMY-nominated singer-songwriter, Jonathan Butler, GRAMMY-winning recording artist John Mahon of the Elton John Band, drumming and dancing performance with the Le Balley Dembaya, and The Mark Levang Band.

The gala committee consisted of Co-Chairs Dr. Hanh-Uyen Vo, Teresa Y-Uyen Vo, Uyen-Uyen Vo; and a dedicated group of passionate supporters: Jill Allen, Edison Barbosa, Armida Baylon, Anna Butturini, Donna De Mond, William Eichler, Tania H. Farha, John S. Gong, Sara Jane Guzman, Ava Herrera, Diane Hough, Sara Jennings, Pamela Mahon, Joan McCarthy, Monica Munoz, Susan Pinsky, Courtney Saavedra, Alina Sookasian, Jennifer Shen, Maureen Staley, Chelisa Vagim, and Kim Weleba.

The success of *Into the Wild* underscores the community's steadfast belief in the power of healing and human connection. With over half a million dollars raised, Hillsides will continue guiding clients into lives filled with hope, stability, and opportunity.

For more information about Hillsides or to support its mission, visit www.hillsides.org.

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About Hillside

Hillside is a leading health and human services nonprofit with programs throughout Greater Los Angeles. For 112 years, the organization has helped children, youth, and families heal through trauma-informed care, behavioral health treatment, and access to vital services. Hillside 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 [Hillside.org](https://www.hillside.org).

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