

Lee and Arlene Alpert Honored by Haven Hills Domestic Violence Center

Lee Kanon Alpert, his wife Arlene and their family received the Community Hope Award from Haven Hills on Sept. 21 at a Tribute of Hope gala at the Globe Theatre in Universal City. Haven Hills is a San Fernando Valley domestic violence shelter that provides safety and support for abused women and their children. The Community Hope Award birdhouse award given to the Alperts was made by children at Haven Hill's Safe Haven support program.

Arlene and Lee were recognized because of their committed support of Haven Hills for more than 26 years. Arlene, in addition to her other numerous activities, volunteers each week with children at the Haven Hills Crisis Shelter, bringing her skills as a teacher and social worker to this vulnerable population. Lee was instrumental, along with Barbara Jean Penny and the late Judge Haig Kehiayan, in spearheading the creation of the Family Law Center that has since evolved into four domestic violence clinics in courthouses in Los Angeles County run by Neighborhood Legal Services.

The Alperts are long-time supporters of other nonprofit organizations in the San Fernando Valley. They are very active with the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging. Arlene volunteers her time with Ride On Therapeutic Horsemanship and for Circle of Care Leeza's Place. She is also a board member of the Child Development Institute and Director of Community Liaison for Providence Tarzana Medical Center. Arlene is also a certified therapy dog handler through Lend A Paw Program.



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Lee, Brett, Arlene and Scott Alpert with Keith Weaver

Lee is the immediate past President of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Board of Commissioners, the largest municipal water and power entity in the country. He currently serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors the Providence Health and Services Regional Ministry Board overseeing three outstanding hospitals and one high school in the Los Angeles Region. He is Chair and founding board member of Genesis L.A., which raises private and public funding to assist in the development of blighted urban areas. Lee also serves on the advisory board of governors for the Valley Industry and Commerce Association and the advisory boards of both The Valley Economic Alliance and New Directions for Youth. He and Arlene have separately served on numerous state, county and city commissions and committees.

Also joining in the celebration were the Alperts' sons Brett and Scott. Brett is completing his Doctorate at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in Higher Education and Scott is a member of the Los Angeles Police Department. **Both spoke at the ceremony along with Keith Weaver, who is Lee and Arlene's "third son." Lee mentored Keith for years and instilled the desire to give back to the community. He is now executive vice president, Worldwide Government Affairs, for Sony Pictures International and is involved in numerous nonprofit activities.**

Congratulations from all of us at Alpert, Barr & Grant!

About Haven Hills:

Over the past 30 years, Haven Hills has assisted over 600,000 people, helping them rebuild their lives and free themselves from the horrors of domestic violence. For more information, go to <http://www.havenhills.org>.