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Fight Night Punches \$2.2M Into Charity Coffers; Knock-Out Gala Raises \$600k For Domestic Violence Victims

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19th ANNUAL KNOCK-OUT ABUSE AGAINST WOMEN GALA

Across town, many of Washington's most prominent women joined forces on Thursday, in raising approximately \$600,000 to aid women and children who are survivors of domestic violence through sold-out ticket sales, sponsorships (FedEx was a top tier sponsor this year), a raffle, and the always extraordinary silent and live auctions.





Unique live auction items this year included a special experience at Saks Fifth Avenue to create a custom pair of Manolo Blahnik shoes, as well as a Presidential inaugural package with a two-night stay at the Four Seasons hotel complete with Rolls-Royce car service.





This year's Knock Out Abuse Against Women dinner gala boasted a sultry "Moulin Rouge" theme complete with feathered centerpieces, sequined black tablecloths, and masked male dancers.





Keynote speaker, former super model and actress, **Carré Otis**, was honored for her strength and inspiration as a women's emotional and physical health advocate, while WUSA9 anchor **Andrea Roane** emceed the show.





Gala co-founders **Cheryl Masri** and **Jill Sorensen** joined evening co-chairs **Charrisse Jackson-Jordan** and **Michelle Schoenfeld** in helping plan the event, which has raised more than \$8 million dollars to benefit local charities that support victims of domestic violence over the past 19 years.