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CSRF RECEIVES \$12,000 DONATION FROM URBAN COUNTRY SILENT AUCTION EVENT

Fundraiser Benefits Area Wounded Soldiers and Raises Visibility for CSRF Mission



CSRF welcomed the beginning of this year's crisp, harvest season with a generous event hosted by Urban Country home furnishings in Bethesda. On Wednesday, October 30, the Bethesda Row retailer hosted a profitable fundraiser supporting our local wounded soldiers for their sacrifices. The autumnal "Home for the Holidays" silent auction celebration raised more than \$12,000 for CSRF, making it the single most fruitful fundraising event for the organization to date.

More than 20 wounded soldiers in recovery at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center attended the celebratory event with much glee and gratitude. Guests enjoyed fine wine and decadent hors d'oeuvres as keynote addresses were presented during the event. Featured speakers included co-owners of Urban Country sisters Jillian and Sascha Roth, Combat Soldiers Recovery Fund founder and president Garland Miller, C.R. Laine's Mark Gilmore and Holly Blalock, and moving speeches by wounded soldiers U.S. Army Marine Will Fisher and Captain Hugh Fisher.

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"We are delighted with the evening's success and are overjoyed with the generous contributions," said Miller. "The money raised will bring many happy faces to the brave servicepeople who have served our country in battle. Enormous thanks to Urban Country as our gracious hosts."

Captain Fisher lit up the room with a touching account of a previous \$300 donation by CSRF where he purchased Kangoo Jumps exercise boots with the money donated to help facilitate his recovery, along with his secret passion to reach for the stars. The CSRF gift to Fisher helped make that wish possible.

Many Bethesda Row merchants donated merchandise featured in the silent auction. Select pieces from the recently debuted C.R. Laine home furniture line were showcased in the auction as well.

"During this festive time of year, we wanted to embrace America's roots by celebrating the return of the harvest season and honoring the patriotism of our wounded servicepeople," says Rachelle Roth, founder and owner of Urban Country. "The holiday season is meant for the hearth and home and to bring families together, which is what Urban Country's philosophy is all about. We are proud to help support our wounded heroes currently in recovery in DC area military hospitals."

Urban Country marked 22 years as a predominate business in the Bethesda area, providing luxury interior designs and fine home furnishings to the nation's capital region.

