



Crystal Cove Conservancy Celebrated Platinum 20th Anniversary Soirée Saturday, Oct. 5 With Special Tribute to Founder, Laura Davick

Crystal Cove, Calif., October 5, 2019 – A crowd of 410 raised a net total of \$407,000 as all enjoyed an evening under the stars, complete with exquisite sunset views and a delectable dinner catered by title sponsor The Resort at Pelican Hill at the 20th Platinum Anniversary Crystal Cove Soirée Saturday, Oct. 5, hosted by Crystal Cove Conservancy.

The Soirée began at sunset with a cocktail reception, hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction. The Resort at Pelican Hill donated the hors d’oeuvres as well as the elegant dinner duo of beef short ribs and Maine lobster. A live auction was held as well as a fund-a-need to support important STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education programs, and guests danced into the night to the Motown sounds of The Blue Breeze Band.

Funds raised at the Soirée will support the organization’s mission and important education programs to help create the next generation of environmental stewards. The Conservancy uses a social enterprise model to fund preservation, conservation and education initiatives with the goal of creating a sustainable future for Crystal Cove State Park and is a national model for how funds can be reinvested into the park.

This year, The Conservancy honored Founder, Laura Davick and her tireless commitment to saving Crystal Cove. A third generation “Coveite” she has dedicated the last twenty years of her life to advocating for environmental protection, historic preservation, and education at Crystal Cove State Park.

A short video honoring Davick’s lifelong dedication brought her to tears as she addressed the crowd. “I’m so grateful for all of you here tonight who continue to make this dream possible, year after year. Because without you, life would have been very different! You are all part of the ‘secret sauce’ that has helped to create this perfect recipe,” said Davick.

Under Davick’s thoughtful and strategic leadership, the original Alliance to Rescue Crystal Cove played a pivotal role in persuading the State to abandon the luxury resort plan by raising public awareness through an association of State Parks officials, community leaders and other interested groups.

“Tonight, we honor Laura and her tremendous contribution in preserving and protecting this beautiful, iconic place. Thanks to her tenacity and fighting spirit, future generations and families will have the opportunity to enjoy the park and have an overnight stay at a cost affordable to all,” said Kate Wheeler, President and CEO of The Conservancy.

She continued, “the support of California State Parks was crucial in the rescue of Crystal Cove and we continue to enjoy a strong partnership today as we implement the vision of the Historic District’s Preservation and Public Use Plan. We are

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thrilled to have several representatives from California State Parks here tonight: Kathy Amann, Eric Dymmel, Christina Jaromay, Liz McGuirk and Jim Newland.”

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About Crystal Cove Conservancy

Crystal Cove Conservancy is the nonprofit public benefit partner to Crystal Cove State Park, employing a social enterprise model to fund important preservation, education and conservation initiatives that will cultivate our planet’s next generation of environmental stewards ensuring that Crystal Cove, and places like it, live on for generations. The Conservancy, formerly known as Crystal Cove Alliance, was founded in 1999 by Laura Davick to save Crystal Cove Historic District from being developed into a luxury resort property.

The Conservancy works in partnership with California State Parks to provide stewardship support for Crystal Cove’s nearly 2,800 acres of public lands including: The Crystal Cove Historic District and beach cottages (a National Register of Historic Places site); 2,400 acres of pristine wilderness habitat and the unspoiled Moro Canyon watershed (a National Natural Landmark site); over three miles of rocky beach coastline and intertidal habitat; 400 acres of coastal bluff habitat; and special underwater and offshore areas including the Crystal Cove State Marine Conservation Area MPA. By being a stewardship partner for this Southern California jewel, the Conservancy has been uniquely positioned to develop a nationally recognized STEM education program that uses authentic field science and monitoring to immerse students and community members in the practice of conservation and open space management. For more information, visit www.crystalcove.org.

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