

63rd Annual Boomtown Gala "An Evening at Studio 53"

Star-filled night featured performances by Hazel Payne, Yakov Smirnoff, The Trammps featuring Earl Young, Rick Dees and SHARE Ladies!

Beverly Hills, CA



Los Angeles (May 24, 2016) –

SHARE, INC., the 63 year-old philanthropic organization dedicated to raising funds for developmentally disabled, abused and neglected children as well as medical research, hosted its annual Boomtown gala, "An Evening at Studio 53," tonight, Saturday, May 21, 2016 at The Beverly Hilton Hotel, Beverly Hills.

The always star-filled event sporting guests in "dressy Western attire" featured dinner and an evening of entertainment starring Grammy Award Winning vocalist Hazel Payne of A Taste of Honey; comedian Yakov Smirnoff;

and American disco and soul band, The Trammps featuring Earl Young. A highlight each year is a series of dance numbers featuring the ladies of SHARE and choreographed by the award-winning Anita Mann. Internationally recognized radio personality, actor and comedian Rick Dees served as Master of Ceremonies. Gary Smith produced. September Sarno is SHARE Board Chairman. Both a silent and live auction, overseen by auctioneer Jim Nye, incorporated unique trips and one-of-a-kind collectables.

SHARE President Ellen Feder welcomed guests noting "Since 1953, the amazing women of SHARE have raised over \$53 million dollars to improve the lives of underserved children. This could never have happened without the incredible generosity of our volunteers, supporters and especially, the Hollywood community. As in the past, this year's Boomtown gala brings together the best of these individuals to create what we know will be another memorable evening." Prior to the show, Feder presented "The Member of the Year Award" to Diane Forrester.

Highlights of the musical production featuring the ladies of SHARE included:

- Hazel Payne performing *Boogie Oogie Oogie, Last Dance and We Are Family*.
- Rick Dees performing *Disco Duck*.
- A dance medley to the tunes of: *It's Raining Men, Le Freak, Dance Dance, In the Navy, YMCA, Car Wash, You Make Me Feel Like Dancing, You Should be Dancing and Shake Your Groove Thing*.

Ladies of SHARE performers:

Barbara Aaron, Neile Adams, Terry Baldwin, Lois Bloom, Geron "Caszper" Canidate, Sondra Currie-Levi, Samantha Faulkner, Ellen Feder (President), Carole Gaba, Nancy Gregory, Wendy Hammers, Cooley Jaxon, Joy Jolise, Anita Mann Kohl (Choreographer), Adele Langdon, Bonnie Lythgoe, Dolores Nemiro, Dana Grilikhes Nassi (1st Vice-President), Esther Rosenfield, September Sarno, (Chairman of the Board), Linda Schlesinger, Sandra Siegel, Laura Stone, Christine Wallace, and Jamy Woodbury.

An astounding roster of entertainers have participated in SHARE's "must-see" BOOMTOWN gala over the years and include: Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., John Wayne, Bob Hope and Judy Garland with Johnny Carson hosting for ten years. Recent headliners include: Sharon Stone, Jennifer Holliday, k.d. lang, Jamie Lee Curtis and Bruce Willis.

Founded 63 years ago by seven women friends, today SHARE (Share Happily and Reap Endlessly) boasts 80 active members and is recognized as one of the most successful children's charitable organizations in Los Angeles. Among the groups they regularly support are: Exceptional Children's Foundation, CASA of Los Angeles, The Art of Elysium, Children of the Night, I Have a Dream Foundation, Baby2Baby, Stuart House, CSUN Music Wellness Clinic and a host of others. Members pride themselves on tackling all the work of the organization themselves without any staff support.