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ALL ABOUT AVIVA

It was a night of stargazing...and trying unsuccessfully to spot any flaws on the amazing "Desperate Housewife" Teri



(From left) Teri Hatcher, Andrew Diamond, president and CEO of Aviva Family and Children's Services, and Barbara Lazeroff. Photo by Alberto Gonzalez

Hatcher, when Aviva Family and Children's Services presented its annual Triumph of the Spirit Awards Gala at the Regent Beverly Wilshire. The evening sparkled as honorees recognized with Aviva Spirit of Compassion awards included Carolyn Strauss, president of HBO Entertainment; actress Raven; restaurateur and architectural designer Barbara Lazaroff, president of Imaginings Interior Design and partner and co-founder of the Wolfgang Puck group of businesses; and community leader and philanthropist Susan Casden. Hatcher served as honorary dinner chair, Jeff Garlin emceed and Macy Gray and Melissa Manchester performed.

THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

When Jeff Garlin of HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm" presented Carolyn Strauss with a Triumph of the Spirit Award on Wednesday at the Regent Beverly Wilshire, he revealed one of the HBO executive's deepest, darkest secrets. "I've been to her house," he said. "She doesn't have cable ... rabbit ears — that's it." The event, which benefited Aviva Family and Children's Services, also honored Raven Symone, designer Barbara Lazaroff and philanthropist Susan Casden.





SPIRIT OF COMPASSION—Aviva Family and Children's Services, which provides care and treatment to abandoned, neglected, abused and at-risk youth in greater LA, presented its annual Triumph of the Spirit Awards gala at the Regent Beverty Wilshire. Spirit of Compassion Award winners: President of HBO Entertainment Carolyn Strauss; Susan Casden, community leader and philanthropist; restaurateur & architectural designer Barbara Lazaroff; and actress Raven-Symoné.



Aviva Board Chair Robin Broidy, Aviva President & CEO Andy Diamond and Honoree and Vice Chair of Aviva Board of Directors Susan Casden.



Teri Hatcher, honorary dinner chair, presented the "Triumph of the Spirit Award" to Aviva graduate Sonya Laster



Emcee Jeff Garlin presented the Spirit of Compassion Award to Carolyn Strauss, President of HBO Entertainment





TRIUMPH OF SPIRIT -Aviva Family and Children Services held its Triumph of the Spirit gala at the Regent Beverly Wilshire where the honorees included (above, from left) Susan Casden, Barbara Lazaroff and Carolyn Strauss; and Raven-Symone (left), all receiving the Spirit of Compassion awards donated by Lladro.

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