



**IRENE DUNNE GUILD AND SAINT JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER FOUNDATION TO HONOR
RAYLENE & BRUCE MEYER, MERLE & PETER MULLIN AND WENDY GOLDSTEIN AT
2015 CARITAS GALA**

SANTA MONICA, CA (August 26, 2015) – The Irene Dunne Guild co-hosts the 2015 *Caritas Gala* in partnership with the Saint John's Health Center Foundation board of trustees, Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Beverly Hills. The black-tie event will honor Wendy Goldstein, executive vice president and head of urban A&R at Republic Records; civic leader Raylene Meyer and husband Bruce Meyer, president, Meyer Pacific; and philanthropist Merle Mullin and husband Peter Mullin, co-founder and chairman of the board of M Financial Holdings and chairman of Mullin | Barens | Sanford Financial.

"This year's honorees have not only excelled in their professional arenas, but each made a commitment early on to embrace the spirit of philanthropy and continue to live by that tenet," said Robert O. Klein, president and CEO, Saint John's Health Center Foundation. "It would be impossible to enumerate all they have given back to our community, but it is safe to say that each represents the dedication and commitment that embody the philosophy of Providence Saint John's."

"I share in congratulating these five extraordinary individuals," said Kate Prudente, president of the Irene Dunne Guild. "Their myriad contributions toward the betterment of so many lives, past, present and future are emblematic of the goals of our organization."

Wendy Goldstein, executive vice president and head of urban A&R at Republic Records will be honored with the 2015 Caritas Award. Goldstein's focus has cultivated and bolstered the label's presence within the urban realm. In 2013, she collaborated with Ariana Grande on the conception and release of her full-length debut, *Yours Truly*, which debuted #1 on the Billboard Top 200 and yielded the #1 double-platinum smash, *The Way*. Under her tenure, Republic Records signed Bay Area hip-hop sensation Sage the Gemini, soul crooner Adrian Marcel and super producer DJ Mustard. In addition, she handled artist & repertoire duties for Enrique Iglesias, Mika and Colbie Caillat among others. A division of Universal Music Group, the world's leading music company, Republic is home to an all-star roster of multi-platinum, award-winning legends and superstar artists including Ariana Grande, Black Sabbath, Florence + the Machine, Godsmack, Gotye, James Blake, Of Monsters and Men, Owl City, The Weeknd and Hailee Steinfeld.

The Spirit of Saint John's Award will be presented to Foundation trustee Bruce Meyer and his wife Raylene for their inspirational service to Providence Saint John's Health Center and its mission. Bruce Meyer is president and founder of the family real estate investment company, Meyer Pacific, Inc. Bruce Meyer presided over the Beverly Hills landmark retailer GEARYS for 35 years which remains in the family and is run by his nephew, Tom Blumenthal. Bruce is a long-time collector of vintage automobiles, historic race cars, and motorcycles and is actively involved in the Petersen Automotive Museum where he served as the first chairman of the board and still remains on its board today. He is a past president of the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation.

Raylene Meyer shares in her husband's passion for family, philanthropy and automobiles. Active with the Los Angeles Music Center, she is a member of the Blue Ribbon and chairs the organization's 2016 Children's Festival as well as past president and a current member of the Symphonians. A member of the Junior League of Los Angeles, Raylene has also served on the board of The Costume Council of the

Los Angeles County Art Museum and is a member of the board of The Diadames of the Child Care League. A long-time supporter of Children's Hospital, she has served on the boards of their affiliate groups, Las Madrinas and Children's Chain.

Peter Mullin and wife Merle will be honored with the Spirit of Saint John's Award. Peter Mullin is co-founder and chairman of the board of M Financial Holdings Incorporated and chairman of Mullin | Barens | Sanford Financial, an independent executive benefits and solutions provider and member of M Financial Group. He serves on the board of the Saint John's Health Center Foundation, the Art Center College of Design, Guggenheim Foundation Advisory Board and Occidental College. He is also chairman of the Peter Mullin Automotive Museum Foundation, chairman of the Peterson Automotive Museum and president of the American Bugatti Club.

Merle Mullin holds several board positions including the National Trust of Italy (FAI), the Blue Ribbon of the Music Center of Los Angeles, Diadames, and the Board of Visitors, UC Davis School of Viticulture and Enology. She is a fellow of the Huntington Gardens and Library and director of the Mullin Automotive Museum. The Mullins are proprietors of Ram's Gate Winery in Sonoma, where they produce outstanding, highly rated pinot noir, syrah, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc.

The Caritas Gala is co-hosted each year by the Irene Dunne Guild in partnership with the Saint John's Foundation board of trustees to honor individuals who exemplify dedication and commitment to the community and embody the philosophy and mission of Providence Saint John's. Net proceeds from the gala benefit vital programs and services at the Health Center. Since 1987, the guild has raised more than \$11 million and has supported Providence Saint John's through a wide variety of innovative philanthropic, educational and volunteer programs and services. The guild was named for the late actress Irene Dunne, considered the "First Lady" of Providence Saint John's.

Past Caritas Gala honorees include Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, Warren Beatty and Annette Bening, Former First Lady Nancy Reagan, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, Martin Sheen, Vin Scully, Robert Wagner, Angela Lansbury, Pierce Brosnan, Julie Andrews and Blake Edwards, Chris O'Donnell, David and Yolanda Foster, Tonian Hohberg, and Jimmy Stewart.

Individual tickets to the Oct. 24 Caritas Gala are \$500 and sponsorship packages are available. For more information, please contact Tess Csiszar at Saint John's Health Center Foundation at 310-829-8168 or email at Tess.Csiszar@stjohns.org.

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