ON BROADWAY

With a record $378,770 fundraising total, the Creating Hope gala sets the stage for Alzheimer's Orange County's showstopping future.


THE PARTY

An audience of nearly 350 had the chance to see Alzheimer's Orange County's new name in lights when the nonprofit hosted its 18th annual Creating Hope fete at AV Irvine. Themed Broadway Memories, the event marked AOC's first gala since becoming an independent charity last year—and from the first act to the last, it got rave reviews. THE GUESTS Folks like Lisa and Victor Assad, former Woman of Style Charlotte Gadbois (of Sloane Street) and CEO Jim McAleer began the evening by sipping cocktails and bidding on applauseworthy auction prizes (a $2,000 Demi Lovato and Nick Jonas concert package was a hot ticket) before sitting down for the main event. And that set the scene with a musical revue straight from New York stages (Wicked, anyone?) and a ceremony honoring Diane Mondini, Pat Soldano, the Sanchez family and Farmers & Merchants Trust Co. for their dedication. THE HIGHLIGHTS By the time the curtain fell, a record $378,770 had been raised—100 percent of which will stay in O.C. to support the organization's programs and services for the 84,000 locals affected by the disease. And that stole the show.