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**Helping Hispanic Women Speak Out About Domestic Violence**

*Mi Amor Gala Launch Party, Havana White Party For Non-Profit Safe Passage*

*“Of the Latinas who experience domestic violence, about half never report the abuse to authorities.” -National Latino Network*

Beverly Hills, CA- Domestic violence is a hidden horror in the Hispanic community, one that hit home early for Luisa Diaz. She was only five years old when she witnessed her grandmother’s struggle to care for 15 children after escaping her grandfather’s abuse. “My grandmother is my hero because she left with no education, and struggled to take care of us,” said Diaz. “If more people in the Hispanic community shared their stories, they would realize they’re not alone.”

Diaz, now a successful television producer and host, says her success was inspired by her grandmother’s drive to survive. Now Luisa wants to help others and is taking the first step by holding a Gala to raise awareness on behalf of the charity Safe Passage.

***Mi Amor Gala will host a Havana White Party and will donate a portion of the proceeds to the non-profit 501(c)3 Safe Passage. The Latin themed event will include conga drummers, singing, mojitos and hors d’oeuvres. Many celebrities will also be in attendance and available for interviews. Inspirational women who’ve empowered others will be honored at the event.***

Adrienne Maloof of the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills is a friend and supporter. “Diaz is a true beauty inside and out,” said Maloof. “She understands that we need to support each other and speak out until more women realize, it’s not okay to suffer in silence.”

“We teach women that you need to heal from the inside out,” said Trish Steele, CEO of Safe Passage. “Some of the most fearful clients we have are Hispanic, so we see first hand how crucial Luisa’s mission is and appreciate her efforts to help us help others.”



**What:** Mi Amor Gala hosts a Havana White Party to include entertainment, drinks, food, a silent auction, and recognition of inspirational women who've empowered others. Portions of the proceeds will benefit the 501(c)3 Safe Passage

**When:** Wednesday, August 27, 2014  
7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Red Carpet at 7:30p.m.

**Where:** Berri's Café, 8412 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Los Angeles, CA 90048

**Interviews Available:** Luisa Diaz: Latina television host and producer  
Trish Steele: Safe Passage CEO

*Please contact Stephanie Abrams at 818-422-4123 or Lindsey Miller at 225-313-2458 to arrange interviews prior to August 27. More will be available at the red carpet on the day of the event.*

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**Mi Amor Gala** is an exclusive social gathering for upscale professionals who want to be entertained in an elegant, unique and vibrant way. From the passions of the Flamenco to the sexy Argentina tango, each event has its own theme, with an amazing charity to benefit. For more information, or to become a sponsor, please contact Luisa Diaz at [asiuldiaz@yahoo.com](mailto:asiuldiaz@yahoo.com) or 310-848-4376.

**Safe Passage** provides hope, opportunity, pride and empowerment to abused women and their children, leading them to a new and better life. Services include health and nutrition classes, counseling, medical checkups, reconstructive surgery, self defense classes, job and computer training, transportation, activities and mentorships for children, beauty counseling, and residential guidance and supplies.

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