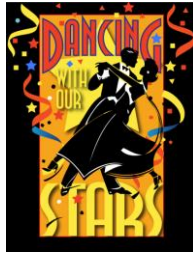




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Soroptimist House of Hope Receives Two Awards in the Dancing with Our Stars Charity Fundraising Dance Competition

Desert Hot Springs, CA - (February 27, 2015) – “Dancing With Our Stars” Declares Winners for 2015 Dance Competition Held at the Agua Caliente Ballroom on February 15, 2015 and Soroptimist House of Hope takes home two awards! Soroptimist House of Hope (SHOH), is a nonprofit organization operating residential substance use disorder recovery programs in Desert Hot Springs and Banning for women, providing a safe, nurturing environment in which clients can learn the life skills necessary to become productive members of society.

Dancing with Our Stars, pairs leaders of our community with local dance professionals for a multi-charity event as each couple dances for the charity of their choice. As the impressive dance competition finished and the votes were counted, Carmen Lopez and partner Van Spencer were awarded two trophies! One for third place for the People’s Choice award and another for the second highest fundraising amount for her charity choice: \$2,000.00 for the Soroptimist House of Hope.

Carmen Lopez is a 3 year member of Soroptimist International of Desert Cities CV who volunteered to dance in support of SHOH in August 2014 for the DWOS 2015 competition. Carmen started learning how to dance her disco hustle routine in October with professional dancer Van Spencer. They met often over 4 months and came to the event ready to strut their stuff! Carmen is a 25 year resident of the CV and is raising 2 sons. She is employed at Valley View Elementary as a reading specialist/ teacher and is planning a summer wedding to Michael Brown.

We are so proud of Carmen for her hard work and dedication and her home club of Soroptimist Desert Cities for their support to Soroptimist House of Hope!

Also attending the event were several members of her Soroptimist club and Marilyn Alt, Vice President and Trish Klimkiewicz, Secretary of the Soroptimist House of Hope Board of Directors.

We thank all of the people who gave of their time and dollars to support Carmen and this fun charity experience.

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