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THE PARTY In its ongoing mission to support orphaned and abandoned children in Baja, Mexico, the San Diego chapter of *Corazon de Vida* held its annual *Noche de Gala*. The nonprofit invited guests to the US Grant Hotel for a Great Gatsby-themed party, complete with a flowing Champagne reception and lively dancing. **THE PEOPLE** The fete's generous host committee joined partygoers in celebrating, which included Lisa and Jim Littman; Carolina Finch and Matt Smith; William Lopez and Phil Collum; Larry Katz; Bill and Tami Sandke; Rich McCullen; Jim and Mayra Matteo; Carrin and Michael Goldstein; and Debra and Larry Potecet. Chapter president Brianna Woo was also in attendance. **THE PINNACLE** Dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions, and mezcals and Baja wine tastings had everyone in high spirits. But the children supported by *Corazon de Vida* were the night's true winners, with the nonprofit raising \$385,000 for its admirable mission.

BY ALLISON MITCHELL



(1) *Corazon de Vida* San Diego chapter president Brianna Woo and Christine Arbues dressed to impress. (2) Dancers from Grand American Ballet performed in Gatsby-inspired garb. (3) Patrick and James Seaman. (4) Morgan Robinson and Brent Best.



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(5) Giovanna Ruiz Moreno and Guilianna Ruiz (6) Alberto Cortes and Doug Braun Harvey (7) Lisa Miller and Marie Joy were caught in a candid moment. (8) Tommy Cleaver, Angela Aguilar and Nika Cleaver (9) Paloma Angulo, Magaly Saldivar, George Perez and Karen Taylor (10) Julia Bergstrom and Liz Carlson



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