

*****MEDIA ALERT*****

Bradley Beal, Pierre Garçon, Gio Gonzalez and More Help Raise Over \$150,000 at the Becky's Fund 7th Annual Walk This Way Fashion Show

Sports Stars Stand Up As Role Models to Break the Cycle of Intimate Partner Violence

Washington, D.C. (November 20, 2015) — Pro athletes from Washington DC's top professional sports teams Washington Wizards, Redskins, Nationals and DC United came together last night for **Becky's Fund 7th Annual Walk This Way** charity fashion show at the Embassy of Italy. The event raised over **\$150,000** for the DC-based nonprofit Becky's Fund, an organization committed to the prevention of intimate partner violence.

Washington Redskins **Pierre Garçon, Chris Baker**, Washington Wizards **Bradley Beal, Garrett Temple**, and **Alan Anderson**, Washington Nationals **Gio Gonzalez**, DC United's **Bill Hamid, Chris Pontius, Steven Birnbaum** and **Sean Franklin**, and former NFL stars **Gary Clark** and **John Booty**, donned looks from luxury Italian designer, **Canali**.

Becky's Fund Founder **Becky Lee** delivered powerful remarks on the importance of creating awareness about the cause and turning up the volume on this silent epidemic "Tonight is a time for us to stand in solidarity against intimate partner violence. One in four women and one in six men are affected by intimate partner violence but many do not come forward because they are scared of being judged. I hope you will join me in turning up the volume and raising your voice to rise above this silent epidemic. Becky's Fund is grateful for the support of our athletes who walked as men of code in our show to highlight the importance of breaking the cycle with our next generation. Without the generosity of **Verizon, Odessa, O'Brien Family Fund, Bajaj Family Foundation, Omnifics, Bulgari**, and our generous donors, this event would not have been possible and we are honored to have been able to partner with these sponsors who are committed in ending intimate partner violence together."

Proceeds from Walk This Way benefit the Becky's Fund "**Men of Code**" program — training athletes to become leaders and allies in the movement to end intimate partner violence — and enables Becky's Fund to enter three more schools in 2016. Every year, Becky Lee's annual show helps the organization's mission to prevent domestic violence by creating awareness, encouraging advocacy among peers, promoting activism through outreach programs, and providing support for victims.

This year's event also featured a special exhibit titled "**Voices**," by Brooklyn-based artist and activist **Cat del Buono**, whose work was inspired by her two years of volunteering at domestic violence shelters throughout various US cities. Last night's female models rocked looks from **Elizabeth St John** with **Alberto Parada Jewelry**, hats by **Melissa Vap**, and hair and make-up by **one80 salon** and **MadeUpArt**.

For more information about Becky's Fund and the Men of Character and Ownership, Dedicated to leading by Example, please visit www.beckysfund.org.

Attached please find photos of last night's Becky's Fund Walk This Way fashion show for your editorial consideration. Photo credit: **Marcus Bennett**



From L-R: John Booty, Bill Hamid, Sean Franklin, Pierre Garçon, Chris Baker, Bradley Beal, Becky Lee, Garrett Temple, Gio Gonzalez, Alan Anderson, Gary Clark, Steven Birnbaum, Chris Pontius, Giuseppe Lanzone



DC United Goal Keeper Bill Hamid hits the runway to support Becky's Fund Walk This Way fashion show



Washington Nationals pitcher Gio Gonzalez, Becky's Fund founder Becky Lee and Washington Redskin Chris Baker



Washington Wizards player Garrett Temple hits the runway to support Becky's Fund Walk This Way



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Pierre Garçon hits the runway to support **Becky's Fund Walk This Way**



Chris Pontius hits the runway to support Becky's Fund Walk This Way



The evening was emceed by CSN Sports Anchor Julie Donaldson and former NFL Star John Booty



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John Booty, Gary Clark, Julie Donaldson, Gio Gonzalez, Pierre Garçon, Becky Lee, Bill Hamid and Bradley Beal



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Chris Baker hits the runway to support Becky's Fund Walk This Way