

**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

**Vernon Davis, Pierre Garçon, Otto Porter Jr., Kelly Oubre Jr., Ali Krieger and more join Becky's Fund at 8th annual Walk This Way fashion show**

*Local athletes stand up as role models to break the cycle of domestic violence*

**Washington, D.C. (December 9, 2016)** — **Last night**, domestic violence prevention nonprofit **Becky's Fund** ([beckysfund.org](http://beckysfund.org)) hosted its 8th annual **"Walk This Way"** charity fashion show at the **Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium**. The charity fashion event featured clothing from classic upscale American designer **Paul Stuart** and women's designer **Alex Teih**, worn by D.C.-area pro athletes, including Washington Redskins players **Vernon Davis, Pierre Garçon, Chris Baker, Arie Kouandjio** and **Nick Sundberg**, Washington Wizards stars **Otto Porter Jr., Kelly Oubre Jr.** and **Ian Mahinmi**, United States Women's National Soccer team's **Ali Krieger** and **Crystal Dunn**, D.C. United's **Bill Hamid** and **Marcelo Sarvas**, former NFL stars **Dhani Jones, Gary Clark, John Booty** and **Brandon Frye** and former U.S. Olympian **Giuseppe Lanzone**. The female models were styled by **One80 Salon** and **Kingsley Model and Management**.

Highlights included Chris Baker wowing the audience with a belly shimmy, while Kelly Oubre Jr. broke out a dab. DC United player Marcelo Sarvas took his footwork off the field for a two-step strut down the runway, and former US Olympian Giuseppe Lanzone made the time for a quick selfie with the crowd.



With the help of event chair **Shivani Dhingra Bajaj** and top sponsors **White Star Investments, Jetlinx, Verizon, Michael and Son, Kampf Family Foundation, Strategic Cyber Ventures** and more, "Walk This Way" raised more than **\$100,000** for the nonprofit's **"Men of Code"** program. The initiative engages and educates coaches and young male athletes to become leaders and allies in the movement to end domestic violence. The proceeds from "Walk This Way" will allow Becky's Fund to bring the program to three additional schools in 2017.

Attendees sipped specialty drinks and noshed on gourmet food by **Rouge Catering**, while mixing and mingling with some of the DMV's favorite sports stars, performers, political power brokers, business leaders and fashion influencers. **DJ Oz** provided the tunes and set the mood for the fashion show. The evening continued with an after-party at **Living Room**.

"I founded Becky's Fund 10 years ago with the mission to end and prevent domestic violence through education and advocacy," says Becky's Fund founder **Becky Lee**. "I wanted to build an organization that breaks the cycle of violence through education and empowerment. Through lessons on positive masculine roles, violence prevention, and leadership, our Men of Code will learn what it means to have integrity both on and off the field and they are given the tools to take a stand against dating and domestic violence."

**ABOUT BECKY'S FUND:**

Becky's Fund is a nonprofit organization committed to the prevention of domestic violence by creating awareness, encouraging advocacy among peers, promoting activism through outreach programs and providing support for victims. [www.beckysfund.org](http://www.beckysfund.org).

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Attached please find photos from this year's Walk This Way fashion shows for your editorial consideration. Photo credit: **Joy Asico**.



*The 2016 Becky's Fund Walk This Way fashion show models.*

**Front row (L-R):** The Friendship Collegiate Academy "Men of Code" football players. **Second row (L-R):** Diego Gonzalez-Zuniga, Kelly Oubre Jr., Gary Clark, Giuseppe Lanzone, Becky Lee, Chris Baker, Marcelo Sarvas, Bill Hamid, Sunni and the City, Arie Kouandjio. **Third row (L-R):** John Booty, Vernon Davis, Pierre Garçon, Otto Porter Jr., Ian Mahinmi, Brandon Frye



*Washington Redskin **Chris Baker**, Becky's Fund Founder **Becky Lee** and Washington Wizard **Kelly Oubre Jr.** at the 2016 Becky's Fund Walk This Way Fashion Show*



*Washington Redskin **Pierre Garçon** at the 2016 Becky's Fund Walk This Way fashion show*



*Washington Wizard **Kelly Oubre Jr.** hits the runway at the 2016 Becky's Fund Walk This Way Fashion Show*



*Washington Wizard **Otto Porter Jr.** at the 2016 Becky's Fund Walk This Way Fashion Show*



*Comcast's Julie Donaldson and Washington Redskin Vernon Davis*



*United States Women's National Soccer team's **Ali Krieger** at the 2016 Becky's Fund Walk This Way Fashion Show*





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*Event emcee **Sunni And The City** and event chair **Shivani Dhingra Bajaj** at the 2016  
Becky's Fund Walk This Way Fashion Show*



*United States Women's National Soccer team's **Crystal Dunn** at the 2016 Becky's Fund Walk This Way fashion show*