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## CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

SHINING A LIGHT ON LOCAL NONPROFITS AND PHILANTHROPISTS

### Angelitos Card Week Kickoff



Natalie Pickup (Preview Day Co-Chair), Melissa Beck (CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire), Georgina Jacobson (Preview Day Co-Chair)



Debra Gunn Downing (South Coast Plaza Executive Director, Marketing), Mary Allyn Dexter, Marilyn Wooten

**By CHRISTOPHER TRELA | NB INDY**  
South Coast Plaza's Jewel Court was filled with hundreds of supporters of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County and the Inland Empire on Wednesday, Oct. 5 when volunteer auxiliary group Angelitos de Oro kicked off its 15th annual Angelitos Card Week with a preview reception and luncheon.

More than 250 cardholders attended the event, which included a fashion presentation led by South Coast Plaza Executive Director of Marketing Debra Gunn Downing that included styles from Bottega Veneta, Burberry, Coach, Escada, Intermix, Oscar de la Renta, REDValentino and St. John. Preview Day stores donated 10 per-

cent of proceeds from all sales on Oct. 5 to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Angelitos Cards, which were sold through Oct. 12, provided cardholders access to 20 percent savings at more than 100 participating South Coast Plaza boutiques and restaurants. All proceeds from card sales are donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters.



Brittney Rose, Kelly Kirch, Becky Billman model RED Valentino

To-date, the Angelitos de Oro auxiliary, which includes a large number of Newport Beach philanthropists, has contributed nearly \$6 million to Big Brothers Big Sisters. Visit [Angelitosdeoro.org](http://Angelitosdeoro.org) for details.