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SHARING SMILES AND WINE: National Affairs Correspondent for CTV National News, Lisa LaFlamme of the CTV National News, left and Terri Michael of Stoned Originals, at the second annual "Celebrate the Power of Women", fundraising event on Nov. 20.

Jeweller raises cash for women's shelters

Entrepreneur throws fete for awareness

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The second annual "Celebrate the Power of Women" fundraising event raised \$5,700 for The Redwood, a Toronto charity helping women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

The Nov. 20 event, held by Bayview Mills resident and jewellery designer Terri Michael of Terri Michael Stoned Originals, drew more than 100 attendees at the swanky Rosewater Supper

Club in downtown Toronto.

"I think it worked out beautifully," Michael said later. "It's really about giving to the shelters."

Last year's event raised \$2,000 for the same organization.

This year, high-profile professional women like CTV personality Lisa LaFlamme sipped wine and bought the bejewelled earrings, necklaces and bracelets designed and made by Michael.

The designer believes the event was timely, considering recent reports indicating Toronto does not have enough shelters or resources for abused women.

"We raised the profile of wom-

en's shelters," said Michael, who also gives a percentage of her online sales to similar charities in eight markets across Canada and the U.S.

"We're big time on that bandwagon," she said of supporting women's shelters for abused women and their families.

