Sometimes, giving is bigger than getting among many folks who find their home in the aptly nicknamed City of Angels. When this happens, many cling to pet causes while others find new deserving causes on a seasonal basis. That said, charity events in Los Angeles benefit all kinds of endeavors, from cancer research to the rebuilding of Haiti and beyond. Consider these five upcoming fundraising opportunities on offer this summer.

**Dying To Be Thin Red Carpet Gala**
Sfixio Restaurant  
9737 Santa Monica Blvd.  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
[www.dyingtobethinredcarpetgala.splashthat.com](http://www.dyingtobethinredcarpetgala.splashthat.com)  
Date: June 27, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

This healing event held at Tuscan and Mediterranean cuisine Sfixio restaurant in Beverly Hills supports youth eating disorder awareness targeted at children and youth “battling eating disorders and self image problems,” as explained on the group’s Facebook page. Called a mixer, this fundraiser held by Empowered by Joi and Psychotherapy Plus, Inc. is set to rock the sounds of Glenn Leonard, former Temptations lead singer. Also on the roster is pre-teen artist Malachi, Ms. Norway 2014, Kim Mackenzie, Aja Edwards, Jerome Powell and Chrystal Chyna. Meanwhile, laughs are being provided by comedian Six Foot a Slimm.
Expect photos on the red carpet for this spiffy undertaking, with proceeds going to a great cause.

**Hope on a String**
SoulCycle Brentwood
11640 San Vicente Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049
(310) 559-7685
www.hopeonestring.org
Date: June 28, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

This event, held at SoulCycle Brentwood, urges guests to burn a bunch of calories in support of helping Haiti by funding the HOAS mission. At check-in for this hour-and-a-half faux race, you’ll be given proper shoes and bottled water and then you’ll ride away until the whistle blows, all the while listening to tunes created by Haitian student artists. Thirsty after all that peddling? Famished, maybe? No worries. Both Pressed Juicery and Pinkberry are on hand to help while you help Hope on a String, a non-profit that provides an arts space for locals in Arcahaie to take part in music, theater and dance activities as well as suitable workshops devoted to building skills of all sorts meant to both empower and enrich these struggling individuals. Visit Hope on a String – LA SoulCycle Benefit Ride! to purchase tickets.

**One Peace: A Charity Art Event**
Andrew Weiss Gallery at Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., Building D4
Santa Monica, CA 90404
www.andrewweiss.com
Date: June 22, 2014 at 11 a.m.

Bergamot Station’s Andrew Weiss Gallery hosts the m.a.m.a earth charity event called One Peace to raise money and awareness for more than one art initiative, including ALTER, which is a South Los Angeles after-school arts and writing program, and Soul4Sole, which is a progressive program that donates shoes to dancers and various athletes. Booked to entertain those who attend are The Concentr8s and L’Esprit d’Afrique. Also set are a slew of other artists, including Bernadette Bayot, Eric Coleman, Ben Ferrer, Farah Sosa and Marley Van Peebles, all ready to groove to the backdrop of this carefully curated gallery specializing in 20th century fine art with a focus on Hollywood photography.

**Impact Nigeria Hollywood Gala**
Bootsy Bellows
9229 Sunset Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069
(708) 439-1462
www.geanco.org
Date: July 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The GEANCO Foundation hosts this charity event with Warren Moon, NFL Hall of Fame member, Marcellus Wiley of ESPN and Mark Johnson, Oscar winner and producer of “Rain Man” and “Breaking Bad,” to raise funds for GEANCO’s upcoming medical mission to the African nation. An appetizer and dessert reception precedes a silent auction which includes all kinds of prizes, like signed memorabilia by sports and entertainment superstars as well as tickets to professional games of all sorts. During the course of the evening at this high profile West Hollywood venue, participants will be given a look at what GRANCO has been doing in Nigeria, including its ongoing infant care program there.

**Concern Foundation’s Fiesta Grande**
Paramount Pictures
5555 Melrose Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90038
(310) 360-6100
This annual event is the 40th time the foundation will go full out to further fund this non-profit which is an acronym for Conquer Cancer Now. Concern has already raised more than $55 million to pay for more than 700 scientists so these experts can pursue innovative cancer research around the world. From day to night, this block party promises a bonanza of fun while honoring Evan Hughes, F. Ron Smith, Richard Stearns, Nick Segal and Jaclyn Smith. All of this takes place on the back lot of Paramount Studios where dancing and dining are among planned activities for guests who attend and are expected to number in the thousands. Doors will open at 6PM and the Award Presentations and Live Auction start at 8:30PM.

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