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**CASA PACIFICA** - a California Non-profit 501 (c) (3)

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### **Casa Pacifica Wine & Food Festival Entertains All; Raises \$400,000(net)** *The 20th Anniversary Casa Pacifica Festival Raised Funds for Ventura County Families and Children in Need*

*Camarillo, CA June 10, 2013* - The 20th Anniversary Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival sold out and raised \$400,000(net) on June 2, 2013 to support Casa Pacifica's much needed services to aid children and families of Ventura County. Casa Pacifica would like to thank all of the generous sponsors, vendors, and volunteers, including returning hosts, The Zarley and Van Huisen families as well as Wells Fargo for sponsoring the VIP Lounge and The Patio at Players Casino for sponsoring the live entertainment!

Ventura County's premier wine and food festival offered guests live entertainment, the largest silent auction in Ventura County, and the chance for wine and food connoisseurs to taste sweets, treats, wines, and brews from the finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries and specialty shops from Santa Maria to the Conejo Valley with 85 fabulous food exhibitors and 185 renowned wines and brews to choose from.

The Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival entertained guests with the popular comedic 1970s disco cover band, Boogie Knights, while professional mobile disc jockey (DJ) Bruce Barrios, 15-time winner of the Best Event DJ in Ventura County Award from VC reporter, served as the Master of Ceremonies and DJ. Live entertainment at the VIP Lounge presented by Wells Fargo provided dancing music by the band, Sound Effect.

The 3rd annual Yummies culinary competition showcased participating Festival exhibitor chef's entries, which were judged based on flavor, presentation, innovation, and quality. Entries were sampled by a panel of celebrity judges comprised of television and print media personalities and food and wine columnists and were judged based on which chef's dish they felt was the "Yummiest."

The 2013 Yummie Top Chef Award Winners in the Savory category include 1st place winner Chef Gabe Garcia of Tierra Sur with a house made pastrami and corn beef sandwich on onion challah roll;

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2nd place winner Chef Sergion Renteria of The Willows who entered braised beef short ribs with roasted beet gnocchi and citrus gremolata; and placing 3rd in the Savory category was Executive Chef Ernie Borjas of The Yacht Club at Channel Islands Harbor who entered a blood orange and roasted beet salad with candied walnuts, basil, micro radish, blue cheese crumbles, and bacon blue cheese vinaigrette.

The Yummie winners in the Sweet category included 1st place winner Head Pastry Chef Anastasia Chavez of Wolf Creek Restaurant & Brewery Company with a spice cake infused with Wolf Creek Dunkelweizen brew, layered with a burnt-butter spiced frosting, garnished with a beer toffee infused with Abbey Dubbel beer; in 2nd place was Chef Lorenzo Fiumalbi of Vivoli Café & Trattoria who entered his glass of franciacorta bavarese cream with strawberries gelee and crunchy mixed caramelized dry fruits; and placing 3rd in the Sweet category was Barry Davis of Cold Stone Creamery who entered his blackberry merlot sorbet.

Roadrunner Shuttle & Limousine provided a Safe Ride Program which was available for guests to travel to and from their homes ensuring that festival enthusiasts could enjoy their time at the Festival and arrive home safely. For more information about Casa Pacifica, please visit <http://www.casapacifica.org>.

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### ***About Casa Pacifica Centers for Children & Families***

*Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families is a crisis-care and residential treatment facility for abused, neglected, or at-risk children in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. The agency is the largest non-profit provider of children's mental health services in both counties and along with its campus-based programs administers a number of community-based programs which are designed with the intent to strengthen families and keep children in their homes. For more information about Casa Pacifica, visit <http://www.casapacifica.org> or call the Development Department at (805) 445-7800.*

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