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Casa Pacifica Angel's Wine & Food Festival Welcomed Over 4,000 Hungry Guests and Raised \$300,000 (Net) to Help At-Risk Children

Wine and Food Connoisseurs texted HOPE4KIDS to raise funds for Casa Pacifica Children & Families in Need.

Camarillo, CA June 6, 2012 - Casa Pacifica's 19th annual Casa Pacifica Angels [Wine and Food Festival](#) sold out this year and raised more than \$300,000 (net) at the event held on Sunday, June 3, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Voted Best Cultural Festival in [Ventura County](#) for the last four years running, the annual [Casa Pacifica](#) Angels Wine & Food Festival is one of the area's premiere wine and food events, with all proceeds benefiting the Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families. Complete with continuous live entertainment and the largest silent auction in Ventura County, the Festival offers young and old alike the chance to taste their way through mouthwatering treats from the finest restaurants, caterers, bakeries, and specialty shops from Santa Barbara to [Conejo Valley](#). The event also features many renowned wineries and vineyards from throughout California's rich wine-producing regions, as well as several award-winning breweries.

Generously hosted by the Zarley and Van Huisen Families, the Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival was home to The Spazmatics and DJ Bruce Barrios who entertained Festival wine and food enthusiasts. Professional Mobile Disc Jockey Bruce Barrios, 15-time winner of the Best Event DJ in Ventura County Award from VC Reporter, was the Master of Ceremonies and DJ for the Festival. At the VIP Lounge presented by Wells Fargo, live entertainment included Sound Effect and Magic and Mayhem with Shawn McMaster.

Festival guests were also entertained by the Yummies culinary competition which showcased each chef's entry which was judged based on flavor, presentation, innovation and quality. Entries were tasted by a panel of celebrity judges comprised of television and print media personalities, food and wine editors, and food and wine columnists based on which chef's dish they feel is the "Yummiest." The 2012 Yummie Top Chef Award Winners in the savory category include first place winner Executive Chef Luis Martinez of C-Street, Crowne Plaza Hotel with his Kobe style beef short ribs, and in second place was Executive Chef Nic Manocchio of the Tower Club with coconut encrusted calamari steak, caramelized pineapple, chipotle and Captain Morgan Spiced Rum chutney. Placing third in the savory category was Chef Robin Higa of Market Broiler with her fresh atlantic salmon caramelized with chipotle spices.

The Yummie winners in the sweet category include first place winners Rhonda Santora and Lesley Bodwell of Frosted Cupcakery with their apple pie cupcake, and in second place was Chef Yvonne Drayton-Benado of Missy's Cupcake Creations with her "3 Meals a Day" cupcake. Placing third in the sweet category was Chef Andres Fernandez of Andres Wine & Tapas Bar with his candy cakes cupcakes.

A shuttle service was available for guests to travel to and from their homes safely by the Safe Ride Program sponsored by [Roadrunner](#) ensuring that festival enthusiasts enjoyed their time and arrived home safe.

In addition to all the wine, food, and entertainment, festival guests texted to raise money for Casa Pacifica centers for children and families. A one-time donation of \$10 was added to the mobile phone bill or deducted from a prepaid balance of anyone who texted HOPE4KIDS to a designated number. People can still text HOPE4KIDS to 85944 and donate \$10 to help provide the daily nutritional, medical, and educational needs of Casa Pacifica children and families. Message and data rates may apply. Service is available on Verizon Wireless, AT&T, Sprint, and T-Mobile. All purchases must be authorized by account holder. By participating you certify that you are 18 years or older and/or have parental permission. Terms: [igfn.org/t](#). Text STOP to 85944 to stop; text HELP to 85944 for help.

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Casa Pacifica is a crisis-care and residential treatment facility for abused, neglected, or at-risk children in the tri-Counties. The agency is the largest provider of children's mental health services in both Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties and administers a number of community-based programs which are designed to strengthen families and keep children in their own homes, schools, and communities.

For more information about Casa Pacifica view www.casapacificca.org or contact the Development Department at (805) 445-7800.