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Art Auction Proceeds to Benefit Upcoming Holiday Party for At-Risk Kids

Wildomar, CA -- October 6 marked the Community Outreach Ministry’s Children's Creative Art Fundraiser Artisan Auction in Wildomar. The ministry is a 501 C3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to help children break the cycle of incarceration and reduce juvenile delinquency. The fundraiser took place at the Corporate Room, 34846 Monte Vista Drive and the proceeds will be used to fund the organization’s annual Angel Tree Christmas party on December 8. The holiday festivities will take place from 12:30 pm to 3 pm at the Elks Lodge #2591, 33700 Mission Trail in Wildomar.

The Angel Tree party will provide at-risk youth who would otherwise not receive gifts to a catered event replete with presents and live entertainment. Firefighters and law enforcement will also be in attendance with their trucks and equipment and perform safety education demonstrations for the children. Bankers will play entertaining financial games with children to help teach them about financial literacy. Vista Community Clinic will bring its State-of-the-Art Dental mobile bus to provide dental health education for the family members of children invited to the party.

Paris was the theme for the recent fundraiser and artisan auction. Both children and guests, some of whom donated works of art to the auction, enjoyed the decorations and aromas from Paris, the “City of Lights” that included an exhibition-like setting reminiscent of the world’s largest museum, The Louvre, home of the famous Mona Lisa portrait. A portrait of the famous work of art was positioned center stage. Flower boxes built by woodworkers Cheryl and Lewis Linares decorated and adorned the banquet tables with flowers. Quiche, sandwiches, pasta salad, fruit platters, desserts, and soft drinks were served to the guests to enjoy at the family-oriented event. Community Outreach Ministry offers sponsorships as a means to raise funds for its many programs for youth and is grateful to Denise Ronzello and Shear Expressions Hair and Nail Salon, gold sponsors and Temecula Motor Sports, a bronze sponsor. Ministry co-founders Dr. Mona and Bob Davies were silver sponsors. The nonprofit organization also extends its gratitude to Yolanda Burgess, Norma Brunette, Marilyn Brown, Glen Shoeman and Advocates for Faith & Freedom, a nonprofit law firm based in Murrieta.

Children and teens from the Temecula Valley started creating their artwork for the recent auction at the “Children’s Creative Art” Mentor Protégé Workshop hosted by Community Outreach in June. The event was held at Wellness and More, 25377 Madison Avenue, Suite 104 in
Murrieta. Business owner Jenifer Hernandez, an independent distributor of Herbal Life, was more than happy to provide her facility for the workshop. The purpose of the summer workshop was to use art to reinforce and expand each child’s creativity. Pattie Halbig, a retired art teacher in Murrieta who volunteered at the event called it “a very creative and needed experience for the children to express their feelings and emotions as an outlet through art.”

Since June, the children have advanced to more sophisticated art forms such as drawings and paintings on canvases. The October auction served as a fundraiser for the upcoming Christmas party. Proceeds from the sale of the children’s artwork will continue to meet the needs of at-risk children impacted by parental incarceration by allowing the ministry to provide gifts during the holiday season. The proceeds from the event will be used to buy food, warm clothing and toys for area children ages 0-18. Clothing and toy donations are always welcome.

Community Outreach Ministry also extends thanks to the local youth and adults who donated artwork for the recent auction. Retired Murrieta Fire Chief Scott Ferguson, Rudy Zuccolotto, Justjan Art Studio, Robert and Teresa Lang Studio, Ines Miller, Ron Guess, Pat Lusin, Kathy Edniger, Terre Theeuwen, Kendra Graves family and students from Santa Rosa Academy, Phyllis Oatman, Cali McCarthy, and Ines Miller were among the many artists who contributed artwork to the event and helped make it a huge success. The ministry also wants to thank In-Kind sponsors JDS Creative Academy Spectrum of Innovation Magazine, Press Enterprise, My Valley News, San Diego Union Tribune The Californian, Jacori and Jaelin Neal Brothers Entertainment and Larry and Janice Bradfield of Beyond. Beyond founded Give Something Back (Give Back), a public charity that provides pre-college mentoring and college scholarships to students who have faced adversity such as foster care, homelessness or the incarceration of a parent.

Community Outreach Ministry additionally extends its gratitude for the gift baskets, books, cards and certificates donated by Harry E. Pacheco, anti-bullying advocate and published author of anti-bullying children’s books, Beauty By Design and Game Truck Powered by Laser Tag. The ministry also thanks Cancun Resort Getaway Las Vegas, Helen Burkhardt, Massage Envy Wildomar, Paws4Law Murrieta Police K9, Golden Era Productions, Save the Animals Today Kids’ Pony Party, Francisco Towing, Bear Creek Chiropractic, Brian Brunette and K-LOVE and Air1 Radio.

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Art work created by Children for the Fundraiser Artisan Auction
Auction Items at CAFE de PARIS Children’s Creative Art Fundraiser Artisan Auction

Anthony Neal, Jaelin Neal, Jesiyah Neal, Clarissa Fears and Jacori Neal Artists holding Artwork

Bob and Dr. Mona Davies, Jacori Neal, Clarissa Fears, Jaelin Neal and Janice and Larry Bradfield of Beyond and Give Back