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CASA PACIFICA ANGELS WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL SURE TO BE THE BEST EVENT IN VENTURA COUNTY ONCE AGAIN

Camarillo, CA – It's impossible to pinpoint just one reason that Ventura County residents voted last year's Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival the Best Cultural Event of 2008 or why 4,000 people are expected to attend this year's Festival on June 7th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. It might be the idyllic setting on California State University Channel Islands campus. Or it could be the delectable culinary creations of fine restaurants, caterers, and bakeries from Santa Barbara throughout the Conejo Valley such as 71 Palm, Café Fiore, Jonathan's at Peirano's, La Dolce Vita, Café Firenze, Watermark on Main, Tierra Sur, Eric Ericssons, Verona Trattoria, and many, many more. No doubt the excellent selection of wines from award-winning wineries from throughout California including Cantara Cellars, Casa Barranca, Rancho Ventavo, Cass, Herzog, Opolo, Clos Du Bois, Robert Mondavi, and Malibu Family Wines play an important role in the draw of the event, as do the unique samplings of independent microbreweries like Anacapa Brewery, Stone Brewing Co., Karl Strauss, Pyramid, and Sierra Nevada.

Maybe for the light-hearted party people who love to dance the afternoon away it is the continuous live entertainment that this year will include Benise, Flamenco guitarist, and the Spazmatics, A Tribute to the 80s. Or for those who love to do a little shopping along with their culinary and potable samplings it is the creative, exciting variety of items available for bidding in one of Ventura County's largest silent auctions. Perhaps people love that their ticket price is all-inclusive for the exciting Festival events. Or maybe it is because the Wine & Food Festival raises substantial funds for Casa Pacifica Centers for Children and Families – the largest nonprofit provider of children's mental health services in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties whose mission is to provide hope and help to abused, neglected, or at-risk children through a wide variety of campus and community-based programs. Last year the Festival raised nearly \$200,000 to support the \$2.4 million that Casa Pacifica needs to raise in donations to meet its annual operating budget.

For many of the food purveyors, a new feature this year is the BEST in FEST Culinary Competition which will be judged by a panel of celebrity judges comprised of television and print media personalities, including Head Judge Chef Cecilia de Castro of Westlake Culinary Institute and Wolfgang Puck Enterprises. The showdown showcases the culinary genius of Ventura County's top chefs and restaurants including Tim Kilcoyne from The Sidecar Restaurant; Michael Noyes from Westside Cellar; Michael Muirhead of Safire; Nic Manocchio from C-Street; Karl Holst from Spanish Hills Country Club; Mario Alcocer from Hampton's at the Four Seasons Hotel, Westlake Village; Peter Maher of Capistrano's; Sylvain Rivet from Amuse Bouche; Kevin Aidukas from Sherwood Country Club; and Jason Collis from Jonathan's at Pierano's.

Tickets for the Casa Pacifica Angels Wine & Food Festival can be purchased online at www.cpwineandfoodfestival.com, where a list can also be found of retail establishments selling tickets. Ticket prices are \$75 advance purchase, or \$90 at the door the day of the event, and \$200 for VIP tickets, which offer entry to the event one-hour earlier than to the general public; a valet parking pass; as well as access to the special VIP Lounge, sponsored by the Four Seasons Hotel, Westlake Village, and featuring fine wines from Malibu Family Wines, Stone Brewing Co.'s own masterpieces as well as rare and unique brews such as Stella Artois, Leffe, Hoegaarden; and entertainment by Sound Effect.

This year's hosts, The Zarley Family, and the Casa Pacifica Angels are excited to present this premier event to benefit the important programs and services provided by Casa Pacifica. Sponsors include: *Entertainment Sponsor* – Ventura Rental Party Center; *Champagne Sponsors* – Kavlico Corp.; PODS; WorldWebWerks; *Cabernet Sauvignon* – Anonymous; *VIP Lounge Sponsor* – Four Seasons Hotel, Westlake Village; *Merlot Sponsors* – Affinity Bank; Colton Lee Communities, LLC; Five Star Bookkeeping; Lisa West & David Jaffe; Fairis Hansen Trust/Leigh & Stan Jensen; Jaks Marketing Group; LGR Media Services, Inc.; Premier Event Production; Red Rose Inn & Suites; Dr. Daniel C. Smith and Maureen Monroe-Smith; Janet & Gregg Van Huisen; and Your Neighborhood Florist.

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 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 its website www.casapacifica.org or call the Development Department at (805) 445-7800.