

Pasadena Foster Care Charity Celebrates Season at Parkway Grill

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(PASADENA, CA) – With the economy in a recession, taking time to enjoy fine dining during the festivities can still be a worthwhile experience especially when benefitting a foster care charity. Guests at Hillsides Guild’s annual holiday celebration at the Parkway Grill in Pasadena started the holiday season raising over \$5,000 to benefit Hillsides, a Pasadena foster care charity that creates safe places for children at-risk and their families in Los Angeles County.

Co-chairing the event, Beth Yale of San Marino, Aline Kuhnle of Glendale, and Barbara Robison of Pasadena planned the Hillsides Guild dinner, a perfect start to the holidays while giving guests the opportunity to remember Hillsides’ children and youth. The proceeds enable the Guild to support the charity through its various enriching children’s activities. Children’s gift wishes were also displayed for guests who wanted to be Santa’s helpers by making a foster care child’s holiday wish come true.

Over 140 guests savored an assortment of wood fire gourmet pizzas, house-selected red and white wines, and a delectable feast that included Parkway Grill’s signature bread basket, Cabrales bleu cheese organic field greens salad with red wine poached pears married with candied pecans, and mesquite grilled prime filet mignon, mashed potatoes, baby carrots and port cherry vinaigrette. Topping the palate was a hazelnut chocolate mousse pie.

Afterwards guests listened to the angelic voices of the Los Angeles Music & Art School under the direction of Choral Director Marisa Rawlins-Bradfield and accompanist. “These are voices of angels that will lift your spirits and put you in the holiday mood,” said Efrain Fuentes, diversity director at The Walt Disney Company that underwrote the entertainment.

Adding to the merry evening were opportunity prizes, which included dinners for four at Smitty’s, Parkway Grill, Arroyo Chop House, Crocodile Café, Vibrato Grill, and Spitfire Saloon as well as a Jacob Maarse holiday decoration. Among the winners were Angie Miller of Arcadia, Sherm and Marge Telleen of San Marino, Ida and John Hitchcock of Pasadena, Annie and Paul Pontrelli of Glendale, Susan Carrier of Altadena, and Don and Sally Clark of Pasadena.

Interested parties wishing to join the Hillsides Guild should contact the foster care charity at (323) 254-2274, ext. 254. Hillsides Guild membership is open to adults who want to take an active role in improving the lives of foster care children and youth at-risk. Visit www.hillsides.org for more information.

As a Pasadena charity founded in 1913, Hillsides creates safe places for children in foster care living in its residential

treatment center and is a community treatment center preventing the cycle of abuse for children at risk and their families. To learn more about Hillsides, visit www.Hillsides.org.

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