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The most sought-after food and wine event in Silicon Valley, Celebrity Chefs and Master Vintners will be held on Friday, October 13 from 5 p.m. to midnight at The Fairmont San Jose. More than 27 of Silicon Valley's celebrity chefs will furnish tastings of their signature dishes, paired with Northern California's most exclusive wines. After enjoying the chefs' creations, guests can raise their paddles in a live auction to win a customized experience from their favorite chef or an unforgettable, one-of-a-kind package.

March of Dimes created Celebrity Chefs and Master Vintners in 2002 with the conviction that Silicon Valley would embrace the event as a way to improve the health of babies. In the four years since the fundraiser has been on the social calendar, it has doubled in attendance and revenue. Money raised supports March of Dimes in the quest to prevent premature birth, birth defects, and infant mortality.

Lead chef Bart Hosmer and vintner captain Jim Stump believe in the mission of March of Dimes and the creativity of the gala, so much so that they have championed the recruitment of celebrity chefs since its inception. "Celebrity Chefs and Master Vintners is an amazing event that allows for local chefs to showcase their talent, while helping to improve the health of babies," Hosmer says.

This year, local celebrity chefs include: Hosmer and Jonathan Hall, Parcel 104; Stump, A.P. Stump's; Robert Sapirman, Arcadia; Maurice Dissels, Birk's Restaurant; Diane Rose, Crimson; Emile Mooser and Josh Hanoka, Emile's; John Bentley, John Bentley's Restaurant; Clyde Griesbach, Lavanda Restaurant and Wine Bar; Scott Cooper, Le Papillon; David Kinch, Manresa; Gary Messick, Tapestry; Eric Tosh, Valeriano's; Carolyn Allen, Paolo's Restaurant; Tom Collins, Santa Clara Marriott; Lawrence Chu, Chef Chu's; Michael Dunn, Yankee Pier; Chris Yeo, Straits Café; **Philippe Breneman**, Paragon Restaurant and Bar; Josiah Slone, Sent Sovi; Daniel Maurice, The Fairmont San Jose; Brian Weselby, Forbes Mill Steakhouse; and Bo Friberg, Doug Basegio, Udo Prombs, and Giacomo Stoltz, Professional Culinary Institute.

As vintner captain this year, Stump is devoted to bringing Silicon Valley residents the best reds and whites that California has to offer. Guests will sample sips from more than 21 exclusive vineyards, including Dolce Winery, Far Niente Winery, Kathryn Kennedy Winery, Silver Oak Cellars, Steven Kent Winery, Thomas Fogerty Winery & Vineyards, Testarossa Vineyards, Stags' Leap Winery, Michael Martella Wines, Cinnabar Vineyards & Winery, Justin Vineyards & Winery, Étude Winery, Hill Family Estate, Sonnet Wine Cellars, Rosenblum Cellars, Burrell School Vineyards & Winery,

Neal Family Vineyards, Rombauer Vineyards, Grgich Hills Cellar, and Ridge Vineyards.

Considered to be the most exciting part of the event, the live auction features one-of-a-kind packages created by the participating chefs. In 2005, Kinch, of Manresa, hosted dinner for 10 at La Rusticana d'Orsa—a unique estate vineyard in Los Gatos. Among the many other premier packages were all-inclusive trips and fine jewelry.

In addition to the chefs, a committee of volunteers also generates support for the event. The women behind making Celebrity Chefs and Master Vintners the social occasion of the season are co-chairs Leah Schnoor and Stacey Rosendin; Stella Rosendin, adviser to the committee; Ofelia Hawk, Sponsorship Committee chairwoman; and Jayne Capelin, Ambassador Family and Publicity chairwoman. The Benefit Committee includes Aline Souza, Stacey Galasso, Elaine Baldwin, Shelly Demko, Dianne Dean, Heidi Imobersteg, Lisa DeMarco, Shelly Garza, Stephanie Bielanski-Fehr, Mandy Cady, Shari Woods, Michele Gonzales Sheehan, Helen Spangler, Lisa Luca, and Katrina Spangler.

"The funds raised from this event are instrumental in supporting the remarkable advances March of Dimes has made in the fight to save babies," says Schnoor of her involvement. Premature birth is the leading cause of death in newborns today, and in California alone, it affects one in 10 babies each year. The hospital bill for premature births in 2001 rose to \$13.6 billion.

Prematurity has other effects, as well. Babies born prematurely can suffer lifelong consequences, such as mental retardation, blindness, chronic lung disease, and cerebral palsy. By funding research to find the causes of prematurity and supporting Silicon Valley-area education programs, March of Dimes offers hope and help to families with babies in neonatal intensive care units.

To increase the chance of a fit pregnancy, one of the best things a woman can do is make sure she is healthy before getting pregnant. If a woman is healthy before she becomes pregnant, she gives her baby a better chance of being born

on time and healthy. However, sometimes even when a woman is healthy, a baby can be born early.

March of Dimes encourages women to learn the steps they can take to reduce the risk of premature birth. Women who are pregnant or considering becoming pregnant are encouraged to visit the March of Dimes' website, www.marchofdimes.com, and click on "I want my 9 months" to learn more.



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Back row, from left: Diane Rose, Robert Sapirman, **Philippe Breneman**, Maurice Dissels, Jonathan Hall, Udo Prombs, Doug Basegio, Bo Friberg, and Giacomo Stoltz, Middle row: Emile Mooser, Jim Stump, John Bentley, Clyde Griesbach, Michael Dunn, Eric Tosh, Scott Cooper, and Chris Yeo. Front row: Lawrence Chu, Carolyn Allen, David Kinch, Josiah Slone, Bart Hosmer, Josh Hanoka, and Gary Messick. Not Pictured: Tom Collins, Daniel Maurice, and Brian Weselby.

Through local activities, March of Dimes hopes to build awareness of its continuing efforts to save babies. For more information about March of Dimes, call 408.260.7629 or visit www.marchofdimes.com/ca. **SJM**