

Child Abuse Listening & Mediation 2009 Design Showcase:

Opening Night Sunset Soirée at Casa Robles

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DESPITE FIRE THREATS, CALM, or Child Abuse and Listening Mediation managed to open the doors to yet another Design Showcase home. After about eight months of renovation, Casa Robles, returned to its original Spanish-Colonial style, welcomed CALM donors, members, and supporters last week for a fundraising Sunset Soirée.

"We are so excited about this year's Design Showcase," shared Meredith Scott, Event Committee Co-chair and CALM Board President. "CALM is celebrating its 40th anniversary and what better way to celebrate 40 years of helping children in the community than with this beautiful design home."

The search for the Design Showcase home began last summer. "We received a call from the home owners showing interest in participating... I drove to the house, took a peek through the gate, and thought 'oh my gosh this is the design house,'" recalled Scott.

Casa Robles is a knoll top

hacienda designed by famed architect Chester Carjola, who in 1939 helped turn the old Post Office into what is today- the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. The 4,500 square foot home sits on a two-acre garden of bougainvillea, Specimen Oaks, and graceful palms on the Riviera.

"We had an exceptional team that worked hard and managed to pull it off despite the five day Jesusita Fire evacuation," shared Scott.

The more than 200 attendees were treated to wine, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and breathtaking views

in the beautiful garden/patio overlooking Santa Barbara. The gala allowed CALM supporters to preview the newly renovated home before it opens to the public. Casa Robles showcases the area's top talent and the latest trends in interior design, architecture, and landscape design. Tours run Wednesday through Sunday from 11am to 4pm through June 28th.

After playing a short video, celebrating CALM's 40 years, Cecilia Rodriguez, Executive



Event Committee Co-Chairs **Susan Day Hosea** and **Meredith Scott** with **Sabrina Kelly**, Santa Barbara Tiffany & Co. Manager



Bob Stanley and **Cecilia Rodriguez**, CALM Executive Director



Martha Adams and **Lindsey Adams**, Lindsey Adams Construction



Part of the CALM Event Committee: **Toni Kipp**; **Louise Liscomb**; **Shirley Waxman**, CALM Auxiliary President; **Laura Barella**; **Suzanne Fairly-Green**; **Barbara Flanigan**; and **Anne Yungling**. Front: **Rick Erickson**.



Dr. **Julie Chacko**; **Eric Amador**; **Trudi** and **Rich Schuette**

Director of CALM took the stage to share a letter from a "thankful grandma" that is testament to the wonderful service CALM provides in the community. A raffle for a Tiffany & Co. necklace with the signature key and a live auction led by Barry Sweet topped of the night.

"The CALM Design Showcase was conceived more than 20 years ago and remains our signature benefit event to raise awareness and funds," said Cecilia Rodriguez, Executive Director of CALM. "This event would not be possible without the dedication and support of the generous homeowners, the interior and exterior designers, contractors, architect, design resources, volunteers and donors, and for that CALM is so grateful."

For four tickets call 965-2376 x149 or visit www.calmdesignshowcase.org. Advanced tickets are \$25 plus a \$1.50 handling charger per ticket or \$30 at the door. There are no refunds on all tickets.

More Design Events:

Trunk Show- Thurs, June 18th, 5-8pm, \$50/person. The following events are included in the regular ticket price: Meet the Interior Designers- June 4th, 12th, 20th, and 27th, 12-3pm; and Meet the Landscape Designer- June 7th and 21st, 12-3pm.

For the 2009 CALM Design Showcase, CALM assembled a world-class design team who, in record-breaking time (eight months) took one home and completely renovated it down to the studs and back. The CALM Design Showcase 2009 is presented by 805 Living Magazine, and is a signature benefit to raise awareness and funds to support the many critical programs and services at CALM.



Jim and **Sheila Zimmerman** with **Helene** and **Jerry Beaver**



Jeri Beck, CALM



Gary and **Susanne Tobey**



Carolyn Baharm and **Barbara Davis**