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**Mission Valley YMCA's *Evening In The Piazza***

**A Fundraising Success**

The parking lot and patio of Prego Ristorante in Hazard Center, was transformed into an Italian town square the night of October 6, for the Mission Valley YMCA's fundraising event, *An Evening In The Piazza*. The scene was set with pictures of Portofino, Italy printed on ten-foot-high canvas panels, stretching 75-feet long. There was hay spread on the ground, wagons, wine barrels, grape vines and candle-lit tables to set the mood. Guests were greeted by a stilt-walker, juggler and strolling violin and accordion duo.

About 425 guests dined on antipasto appetizers and a sumptuous Italian buffet prepared by Prego. Some of the silent and live auction highlights included a ride on the Goodyear Blimp, a trip to Switzerland, and a one-week-stay in a Paris apartment. Numerous bidders also “purchased” a week of camp for an underprivileged child. After the auctions, guests danced to *Undercover*, featuring Eve Selis.

“Everything turned out fabulous! It was great to see everyone having fun while raising money for the Y. The event raised over \$180,000!” said Don Daley III, chairman of the event. “As a father, it means a lot to me that we are making a difference in the lives of so many children in our community. My family has a long-standing history of supporting the Mission Valley YMCA, and I was honored to become a part of this as chairman of this event.”

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YMCA Fundraiser

Proceeds from the event make it possible for the Mission Valley and Toby Wells YMCAs to provide youth outreach programs to more than 2,400 low-income students, drug & gang prevention programs, camp scholarships and membership assistance to low-income seniors, adults and families.

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