

C.A.L.M.

Lights, Cars, Action!

By **Devon Pettengill** / CASA

GLAMOUR, LUXURY CARS, AND GENEROSITY WERE ON HAND at Child Abuse Listening & Mediation's (CALM's) benefit gala *Lights, Cars, Action!*, held at Santa Barbara Auto Group on May 17th.

"It is because of you that we are able to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable children in our community," CALM Associate Director Cecilia Rodriguez told the guests.

Ty Warner was the title sponsor of the evening and the décor included a number of vintage and luxury cars from the John Mozart private collection.

Attendees were encouraged to make donations of any size. There was a raffle and an auction for items including a Mercedes Smart Car, a private tour of Barbra Streisand's gardens, and a private dinner for ten at the 2009 CALM Design House.

With about 300 guests, *Lights, Cars, Action!* was CALM's biggest fundraising event yet.

"The event attracted a whole new group of supporters for CALM, and many of our traditional supporters were there as well," Rodriguez shared. "Our Board is amazing. They are very active and they gave up their time for this event."

The evening resulted in almost \$200,000 raised to help CALM continue to provide its services to the community.

"Everyone had such a good time. I truly believe it was the party of the year," shared Rick Erickson, who co-chaired the event with Shirley Waxman. "It was so rewarding to be part of something so good happening in our community and to be able to make a difference."



Mercedes Smart Car that was auctioned at the event with **Monica Intaglietta**, CALM Dir of Development and **Nancy Bollay**, CALM Board Trustee



Back Row: **Doug Wood, Linda Wood, Bob Stanley, Helene Beaver, and Jerry Beaver.** Front Row: **Jim Wolfe, Marcia Wolfe, Celia Rodriguez, Kam Su Kim, and Jayne Menkemeller.**



Back Row: **Cindy Racco, Mike Stein, Andrew Firestone, Greg Rice, and Barry Winick.** Front Row: **Christine Judd, Beth Weinberg, Ivana Bodilovic, Jenna Fox, and Janet Ames.**



Carol Hirashima, On the Wave and **Maria Long**, Exec Director, C.A.S.A.

CALM is the only non-profit agency in Santa Barbara County focusing solely on preventing, assessing, and treating child abuse and family violence through comprehensive, cutting-edge programs. CALM offers children, families, and adults a safe, non-judgmental, caring and strength-based environment to heal and increase family well being.

For more information, call 965-2376 or visit www.calm4kids.org.



Tom and Paula Bruice, Anna and Peter Kokotovic, Phyllis Ventori, and Phillip Gatch.



Program Manager **Ginny Rohan, Juan Riker, Julie Friedman**, Director of Psychological Programs **Jessica Adams**, and CALM Board Member **Eric Friedman**.



Back Row: **Barbara Maes, Stephanie Slosser, and Pam Hamlin.** Front Row: **Cynder Sinclair, Susan Parker, Ernesto Parades, and Sarah Struck.**



Ivana Bozilovic, Victoria Congdon, Erinn Lynch Wood, Amanda Transki, and Jennifer Dudley.



Renee and Ed Grubb with Ed and Mary Lu Edick, all of Village Properties

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