

## **POWAY: Party nets \$442,740 for Interfaith Community Services**

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Interfaith Community Services celebrated the success of its "A Bridge of Hope" program with a party for 175 people June 27 at the home of Kelly and Laurie Burt.

All of the money raised ---- \$442,740 ---- went directly to the group's programs. Not a cent was spent on the party; everything was donated.

Founded in 1979, Interfaith helps the homeless, women and children who are homeless because of domestic violence, day laborers, the mentally ill, seniors, substance abusers, and veterans.

The organization offers 13 programs throughout North San Diego County.

Suzanne Stewart-Pohlman, Interfaith's executive director, thanked the "amazing chairperson," Dr. George Liggins, for sticking to the no-expense rule and throwing a great party.

A group of what Liggins described as "civic-minded restaurants" donated food to the celebration, including the Barrel Room Vintage Wine Bar and Bistro in Rancho Bernardo and Tim Sullivan's Bernardo Heights Country Club.

Personal Chef Services Dining Details and Elegant Events Caterers brought goodies, as did Executive Pastry Chef Loic Laffargue. The Ben and Jerry's Scoop Shop from Seaport Village sent an outpost to the party. Another dessert choice was provided by Nothing Bundt Cakes from Poway.

Stone Brewery sent beer and ale, and Palomar Mountain Spring Water passed out their product. Wine and other beverages were brought by Michelle Stanger, Allan Azneer, Tom Paine, Teresa Norton, and Peter and Sandy Willis.

Music was provided by the Sapphire Strings and the Big Little Band led by Kent Davis.

The working committee for the party was made up of Allan Azneer, Mimi Baca, Phyllis Belgum, Nancy Bradley, Joyce Bruun, Laurie Burt, Christine Carrick, Joe Carrick, Vivian Doering, Lisa Haight, Teresa Norton, Tim Sharon, Michelle Stanger, Nina Taylor, Wilma Visser, Jill Wright and George Liggins Jr.

Supporters celebrating their achievements were Morgan Mastrovich, Valerie Mastrovich, Patti Diaz, Annamarie Dawber, Rosa Ruiz, Jim Parker, Lauren Kamensky, Jill Broeckel, Kate Matheron, Lynne Austin, Jake McGovney, Kitty Sullivan, Jill Henderson, Mary Ferro, Bill Viele, Marilyn Bazler, Frank Taylor, Jim Weldon, Lois Weldon, Jerre Stafford, Aura Maria Mosquera, Christine Vaughan, Eric Davis and Virginia Clemeshaw.

Also attending were Barbara Bell, Fuli Du, Wenge Du, Dori Trumbo, Jill Leff, Greg Anglea, Lynne-Marie Friedrichs, Don Sproul, Ellie Lockhart, Sandi and Bill Atkinson, Mary Kay Liggins, Heather Liggins, Janice Fortie, Lea Reid, Nick Stanger, Georgeiana and Ted Kleiter, Marshall Gurley, Penny Andersen, Tucky Rodrigue, Dick Andersen, Patty Born, Bob Pruchnik, Shannon Hunefeld, Julie Frans, Fontaine Ho, Craig Jones, Amber Zinsky, Edlin Perez, Laura te Velde and Terry and Dave Karlman.

