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EAST BAY NON PROFIT RES SUCCESS AND SPONSOR CLIPPED WINGS[®], RAISE OVER \$27,000 FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Pleasant Hill, CA – Despite the credit market crunch and Holiday retail concerns, East Bay residents are giving their hearts, their time and their money to help support RES SUCCESS, a recognized organization helping Northern California's growing adult disabled population. Their November 11th annual fundraiser, *Artistry for Autism*, drew in over 250 guests and raised just over \$27,000 for therapy, educational programs, art supplies and more.

Hosted by Clipped Wings[®], the United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants organization, guests enjoyed lively music, gift baskets, chocolate fountains, punch and raffles giving away trips Disneyland and a hot air balloon trips to Napa. "I have worked with Autistic children and have a soft spot in my heart for these families," said Disneyland trip winner Nancy Robinson.

Clipped Wings was eager to participate because of RES SUCCESS' uniqueness in the mental health care industry. RES SUCCESS offers each student a program that will meet his or her individual needs. And most important, treats each student with respect and compassion.

"Having the students feel good about themselves is of utmost importance," said Linda Siljestrom, Clipped Wings spokesperson. "These monies help fund field trips and materials needed to provide a safe, educational and loving environment for all the students" said Siljestrom.

Clipped Wings has a rich history of working with charities that support this unique population. They have given their support to ensure this accomplished Bay Area agency raised enough monies for additional programs and expansion efforts currently underway in Martinez.

In order to entertain and raise enough funds to secure a new facility to support the 70-personn waiting list, the *Artistry for Autism* program provided silent auctions and raffle tickets for the larger prizes to help subsidize the public funding they receive. The Clipped Wing volunteers provided check-in services for guests, donated and served the food, supplied bartenders, helped with auction donations, assembled beautiful gift baskets, checked out items, and decorated the beautiful facility adjacent to Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

Local business owner Christine Temple-Wolfe has supported RES SUCCESS for the last five years. "This population deserves our love and support and more importantly the opportunity to

be fulfilled. With the guidance of this trained and compassionate staff, they are learning key life skills and behavior modifications that will enhance their quality of life and help them thrive in an often challenging culture” said Wolfe.

The RES SUCCESS day treatment programs consist of three facilities, one at 801 Ferry Street and 620 Las Juntas Street in the city of Martinez, and 490 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill, CA. The staff at RES SUCCESS serves mild moderate, severe and profoundly disabled individuals that are suffering from maladaptive behavioral challenges such as aggression, self-injurious behavior, property destruction, obsessive compulsive disorders, suicidal ideation and bolting AWOL behaviors.

Because of the RES SUCCESS [model of care](#), this high risk population receives individual and group therapy, occupational therapy, life skills, art therapy, and innovative educational approaches that help them experience a safe educational environment, while being treated with dignity and respect.

“Our goal for the *Artistry for Autism* event was to help out enough to bring in more funds than were raised last year. And that we did! There was a 25% increase in attendance over last year and a 22% increase in funds raised over last year,” said Executive Director Ian Bremner.

Community leaders, business executives and healthcare professionals were enthusiastically participating in the fundraiser in support of the valuable contribution RES SUCCESS is making to both the Pleasant Hill and Martinez communities. Through building renovations, and beautification, community service and occupational training, RES SUCCESS clients help their disabled clientele turn their lives around AND in turn, enrich the lives of those in their community.

Siljestrom believes that RES SUCCESS is extremely valuable in the Bay Area community. “The need is great, as proven by the waiting list of 70 adults. It’s a positive resource in a very negative handicapped world,” she said.

For questions regarding RES SUCCESS or the Artistry for Autism event, please contact Ian Bremner, Executive Director at (925) 229-8228.

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