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Who: Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation

Where: Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows

When: Sunday, April 30, 2017
5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

What: Santa Monica-Malibu Wine Auction

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Santa Monica-Malibu Wine Auction Returns to the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows; Gala Food and Wine Tasting Will Raise Funds for all Santa Monica and Malibu Public Schools

Presented by Dun & Bradstreet, Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows/MSD Capital, Kaiser Permanente and Saint John's Health Center Affiliation Endowment Fund

The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation is hosting its 2nd annual **Santa Monica-Malibu Wine Auction** on Sunday, April 30 at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, the event's sponsor hotel in Santa Monica. The elegant soiree, presented by Dun & Bradstreet, MSD Capital/Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, Kaiser Permanente and Saint John's Health Center Foundation, will bring parents and community members together to sip, savor and support important programs for all local public school students.

The Wine Auction will feature more than 30 outstanding wine and food tastings from top restaurants and renowned vineyards. Attendees will be able to bid on silent and live auctions of world-class wines and exceptional experiences. Full details about the event are available at smmwineauction.org. Tickets for the event range from \$150 to \$225.

"Our inaugural Wine Auction last year was a success on so many levels – we sold out 400 tickets; the food, wine, and auctions were top notch; and we raised \$120,000 for music, arts, STEM, instructional aides, and more for the children in our public schools," said Linda Greenberg, SMMEF Executive Director. "We are looking forward to another wonderful evening of food and wine, all to benefit our students."

Participating restaurants at the event will include Ashland Hill, Bareburger, Blue Plate Oysterette & Taco, Caffe Luxxe, Curious Palate, Del Frisco's, Fig, La Vecchia, The Lobster, Locanda del Lago, Michael's, O & O, Red O, Sushi Roku & Robata Bar, Tiato, Upper West, and Upstairs 2

Wine, beer and spirit tastings include The Wine House, Blessed Beer, Bonocorssi Vineyards, Burke, Chateau Montelena, The Dalmore, Donelan, Dragonette, Far Niente, Grgich Hills, Heitz Cellar, The Malibu Vineyard, Melville, Orin Swift, Revel Wine, Robert Talbott, Stolpman, and Villa Creek.

The event's wine auction lots will include wines from many of the above, plus Pride Mountain Vineyard, Kistler, Silver Oak, Villa Creek, Bonaccorsi, Brewer-Clifton, Sea Smoke, Melville, Frank Family, JM Cellars, Donelon, Crocker & Starr and more.

Many local businesses are sponsoring the event through the Education Foundation's Corporate Partner program. In addition to the presenting sponsors, they include ArcLight Cinemas Santa Monica; DLR Group; Edison International; FreeAssociates; Harding Larmore Kutcher & Kozal, LLP; MINI of Santa Monica; Santa Monica Daily Press; Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association; Santa Monica Place/Macerich; Sir Speedy Santa Monica; Skydance Media; Stifel; UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica; Danny Lahave; Erickson-Hall Construction; Southern California Disposal & Recycling Company; Icelandic Glacial; and Premier Florist Plum Dahlia.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Education Foundation, which funds programs at every school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. SMMEF-funded staff and programs include arts education for the district's 4,900 elementary students, 87 instructional assistants, and enrichment grants for all 16 schools in the district. Most schools decide to use these grants to provide STEM programs, expanded arts curriculum, or student wellness programs.

Tickets available at smmwineauction.org.

About the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation

Established in 1982 by a dedicated group of parents, community leaders, and local business owners, the Ed Foundation raises funds to enhance and supplement the curriculum of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. The Foundation's mission is to engage the community to invest in a vibrant educational experience for all students in the Santa Monica and Malibu public schools.

All donations to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation change the lives of students in the Santa Monica-Malibu public schools. Contributions fund excellent programs – from art to STEM to wellness – that shape our future problem solvers, visionaries and global citizens.

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