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**I Padrini d' Antonello's 'An Evening Under the Stars' Nets More Than \$200,000**

*Proceeds to benefit Canyon Acres Children and Family Services*

**ANAHEIM HILLS, Calif., Oct. 29, 2007** -- CANYON ACRES Children and Family services, a charity organization committed to providing homes, care, treatment and supportive services for abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children and their families, today announced the success of 'An Evening Under the Stars,' an event hosted by I Padrini d'Antonello on October 7, 2007. The event took place at Antonello Ristorante and netted more than \$200,000.

The benefit featured a cocktail reception, dinner with exquisite wine pairing, a live auction, and dancing to the sounds of the Frank Wright Band.

"Canyon Acres greatly appreciates the support from guests and sponsors in making this a terrific and successful evening," said Clete Menke, executive director of Canyon Acres. "The generous support of our donors, volunteers and the local community is what allows us to continue to provide vital services to our children."

Event sponsors included the Troy Group, Gemini Industries, the Marconi Foundation for Kids, California Sunset Escrow, Commerce West Bank, Orange Coast Magazine, A. Gary Anderson Family Foundation and Antonello Ristorante. A crowd of more than 230 guests enjoyed a three-course meal and participated in a live auction that included an Italian vacation and a private-chef dinner by Antonello's executive chef Franco Barone.

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Mr. S. Paul Musco, Board Member for both I Padrini and Canyon Acres, generously donated a beautiful gold coin necklace that was won by one lucky lady in attendance.

Windell Stout, President of I Padrini and event co-chair, stated, "The event was a big success and I was pleased to see so many friends and supporters having a wonderful time dancing the night away."

"We are very pleased with the evening's turnout," said Erin Lastinger, co-chair of the event, CEO of the A. Gary Anderson Family Foundation, and Canyon Acres Board Member. "This outpouring of support will truly change the lives of some very special children."

### **ABOUT CANYON ACRES**

Canyon Acres Children and Family Services is the only facility in Orange County or the surrounding counties serving the most severely abused and emotionally troubled children between the ages of 6-17. Since 1980, Canyon Acres has been providing the highest level of care, therapeutic treatment and most importantly a home, to children throughout Southern California who suffer from a variety of emotional and psychological disorders. Canyon Acres gives children nurturing, treatment, and opportunities that they need to grow up in safe, loving, and stable families. For more information about Canyon Acres Children and Family Services, contact Bock Communications at + 1-714-540-1030 or [canyonacres@bockpr.com](mailto:canyonacres@bockpr.com) or visit the Canyon Acres Children and Family Services Web Site at [www.canyonacres.org](http://www.canyonacres.org).

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