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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Community Overwhelmingly Supports Kidango Once Again**

Fremont, CA, (April 17, 2011) Kidango, a local non-profit organization that specializes in early childhood development and child care services, announced that their annual food and wine tasting benefit event –Taster’s Showcase raised over \$74,500! The proceeds from this extraordinary event will benefit Kidango’s vital early education, early intervention, mental health, nutrition and family support programs that help over 2,500 children and their families annually in Alameda and Santa Clara counties.

Over 360 community members attended the event at the Marriott Fremont/Silicon Valley and enjoyed fine food, wine and beverages. The live auction exhilarated attendees and created an atmosphere full of life and giving. This year’s silent auction was a tremendous success and the incorporation of awe-inspiring Kidango center baskets generated a monumental buzz! The centers’ baskets were a huge success due to generous community donations that helped the classrooms create breathtaking themes.

Thirty local restaurants, wineries and food distributors participated to serve up Kidango’s tastiest food and wine extravaganza to date! Guests were very pleased with this year’s delectable selections and raved about their favorites! Thank you to all who participated,

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A panel of food and catering professionals judged the participants' delectable cuisine and table presentations.

The judges were:

- 1) Mary Chamberlin – Chef Instructor and Cook Book Author
- 2) Daniel Arias - Chef Instructor – Mission College
- 3) Deborah Carpenter - Caterer
- 4) Nolan Bourgeois – Certified Servsafe Instructor and Caterer
- 5) Jeanne Miller - Caterer

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Kidango would like extend a gracious thank you to all the event sponsors, vendor participants, in-kind donors, volunteers and guests for making this year's Taster's Showcase a successful one!



It takes you to make a difference! Year round you can support Kidango's early education programs and support services. A donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please visit Kidango's web site, [www.kidango.org](http://www.kidango.org) for more information or mail a check to Kidango, 44000 Old Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont, CA 94538, Attention: Marc Baker.

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### **About Kidango**

Kidango began as Tri-Cities Children's Centers in 1979. At inception there were only 90 children and families being served at one center in Fremont. Today more than 2,500 children and their families benefit from the Kidango programs in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. As a leader in early education and child care, this public benefit organization has a long history of working closely with the California Department of Education Child Development Division, State Preschool and Head Start programs to provide quality services for children ages 0-12.

For further information about the agency contact Kidango at 510-897-6900 or visit us on the web at [www.kidango.org](http://www.kidango.org).

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