

United Boys and Girls Clubs

Simply Elegant

25th Anniversary Kids Auction

By JEANETTE CASILLAS / CASA

SINGING, DANCING, and a wildly successful auction were just part of the excitement at *Simply Elegant*, the United Boys and Girls Club annual benefit. The event, which took place at the Bacara Resort and Spa on November 3rd raised funds for children's programs and honored local children's advocate, long-time supporter, and businessman **Bob Bryant**.

The festivities began at 5:30pm with a hosted cocktail hour and silent auction. The dinner and live auction with auctioneer **John Palminteri** followed, with the opportunity to win a 2008 Jeep Wrangler. Over 400 guests gathered to celebrate the United Boys and Girls Clubs' 25th Anniversary with live music and dancing to Soul City Survivors.

"This was a significant year, marking the 25th Anniversary of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County. It was nice to have **Bob Kallman**, one of the co-founders and a strong supporter of the Santa Barbara County Clubs as well as many other people turn out in support," shared **Craig Case**, United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County President.

The 25th Annual Kids Auction is one of the Santa Barbara County Clubs biggest fundraising events of the year with the revenue going to provide services for over 8,400 boys and girls throughout Santa Barbara County. The night also honored Bob Bryant, who has been a big supporter of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County and the children of the community.

"I am amazed and overwhelmed. It's quite an honor, undeserved but I will take it anyway," Bryant humbly shared of receiving the honor.

Bryant is a long time resident and business owner (38 years) of Bryant & Sons

Jewelers. He plays an active role in numerous charities and businesses in town and has received many awards and recognitions for his efforts.

Having lost a child to substance abuse, Bryant opened the Daniel Bryant Youth & Family Treatment Center in 2001 to help young people 12 to 18 who are struggling with alcohol and other drug problems. "It's important for me to sponsor programs like the United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County because it keeps young people out of trouble and out of my center," added Bryant.

"Bob was the first person that called in to help with the auction 25 years ago and donated jewelry. He is a strong supporter and the United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County is honoring his commitment because he has done so much. Bob is truly a Santa Barbara treasure," concluded Case.

The United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County is comprised of Carpinteria, Westside Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc, and Camp Whittier. It's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential, as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

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Amie and Sal Rodriguez, co-founder and former president



Kelly and Vince Ventigimillia



Auctioneer extraordinaire **John Palminteri** with a bevy of talented young women from the various United Boys and Girls Clubs from the SB Tri-county area who all performed



Laura Case, President Craig Case, and Jennifer Case



Founder **Bob Kallman** with son **Kristopher Kallman**



Tom and Pam Sneddon



Honoree **Bob Bryant** and **Patti Bryant**, with **Jennie** and **Mike Petlow**



Dan Sr. Litchfield, **Jane Litchfield**, **Dan Jr. Litchfield**, and **Cynthia Litchfield**



Linda Seals, Lad Handelman and Cynthia Asendorf



Roy Schrader, Nina Terizan, and Carlos Guerro



Stephen Redding and Angie Redding



Anne Dalley, Elizabeth McFarland, Catherine McFarland, and Holly Angel



Standing: **Jim Robinson**, **Judy Mansbach**, **Ralph MacFarlane**, **Diana MacFarlane**, **Susie Cawthon**, **Coach Williams**
Front: **Alyson and Rick Spann**, **Gail and Mike Pearl**, and **Carol Keller**

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