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**Promises2Kids Hosts 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chefs and Champions for Kids  
2009 Fundraising Event**

**SAN DIEGO (Oct. 24, 2009)** – Promises2Kids, formerly the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, will host its 8<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising event, *Chefs and Champions for Kids – A Benefit for Promises2Kids*, on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at the San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park. *Capture the Magic*, the benefit gala and magical-themed evening, will feature food stations and cocktails from award-winning chefs, mimes, and magic tricks by magicians for guests.

Promises2Kids will also celebrate its newest class of Champions at the event. The 2009 Champions for Kids Honorees include: Lifetime Champion (Posthumous Award) – Mary Goodall; Corporate Champion – Boyer Moving and Storage; Community Champion – San Diego Building Owners and Managers Association; and Volunteer Champion – Connie Fox.

“We are proud to recognize our 2009 Class of Honorees with a gourmet feast from some of San Diego’s finest Chefs,” said Hon. Susan Golding, *Promises2Kids* President/Chief Executive Officer. “The individuals and groups being honored are among the finest examples of our community’s commitment to support foster children here in San Diego County. They certainly have done their part to help these children become successful young men and women.”

*Chefs and Champions for Kids* will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the San Diego Hall of Champions located at 2131 Pan America Plaza Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. Dinner and cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. Magicians and live entertainment will perform throughout the evening for guests. Evening activities include both live and silent auctions where guests can bid on exclusive packages such as artist memorabilia, international vacation packages, dining experiences at San Diego’s finest restaurants, and many more one-of-a-kind items. The evening’s nightcap will feature a speakeasy-style cigar bar and beverage reception for guests.

Featured restaurants and chefs for this premier event include: Acqua al 2, Martin Gonzalez; Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino, Jim Phillips; Café Japengo, Jerry Warner; Il Fornaio, Coronado, Marco Nocco; Pamplemousse Grille, Jerry Strauss; Los Arcos Restaurant, Eduardo Angulo; The Monsoon Group, Vipin Kumar; Phil’s B-B-Q, Phil Pace; Polinsky Children’s Center, Isa Olloni; The Red Door Restaurant and Wine Bar, Brian Johnston; Klassy Krispy, Mary Cordeiro; and The Steakhouse at Azul La Jolla, Steve Floyd.

Tickets for *Chefs and Champions for Kids – A Benefit for Promises2Kids* are online and will be available at the door. Prices start at \$175 per person. For tickets, more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.Promises2Kids.org](http://www.Promises2Kids.org) or call Promises2Kids at 858-278-4400. Proceeds from the

event will fund child abuse prevention, education, and advocacy programs, including Promises2Kids' Guardian Scholars Program, a program that provides financial assistance for former foster youth to help support their efforts to obtain a college degree or vocational training.

### **About Promises2Kids**

Originally founded as the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation of San Diego County, Promises2Kids is a 28-year-old nonprofit organization. Since 1981, Promises2Kids has led the fight against child abuse and neglect in the County of San Diego. No other organization in the area offers such a broad array of support systems, nor does any other organization in the area offer such a wealth of opportunity to connect with a wide variety of resources, programs, and collaborative partners focused on eliminating child abuse. The Chief Executive Officer of Promises2Kids is the former two-term Mayor of San Diego Hon. Susan Golding.

#### Promises2Kids 2009 Board of Directors

Executive Committee and Officers include: Ken Van Damme II, Chairman of the Board; Derek Thomas, Vice Chair; Jason Howerton, Secretary; Tim Ludwig, Treasurer; and Hon. Susan Golding, President/Chief Executive Officer. Members include: Jane Mack-Baker; Jack Berkman; Steve Bond; Perry Dealy; Larry Donofrio; Lois Fong-Sakai; Craig Irving; Romy Selati Loseke; Diana MarJip-Chuh; Ian Mausner; Keith McKenzie; Stan Panikowski; Jennifer Perkins; Maureen Sullivan; Massih Tayebi; Kendra Thomas; Joan Waitt; Mark Zwerenz. Founder Emeritus Members include: Robert K. Butterfield; Renée Comeau, and Norma Hirsh. Emeritus Members include: Bob Duggan, Jack Goodall, Hon. J. Lawrence Irving, Hon. James R. Milliken, Jeannie and Arthur Rivkin.

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