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It Was an Evening to Savor

March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction Raises \$85,000

Toledo, OH, 10/27/08 – The Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons was filled with the mouth-watering aromas of coffee encrusted beef, elk, scallops and sushi prepared by some of the Toledo area’s leading chefs on Monday. The March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction, sponsored by St. Vincent Mercy Children’s Hospital, was a successful blending of sumptuous signature dishes from talented local chefs and vintage wines – all to benefit the March of Dimes.

“Our showcase of the area’s finest culinary selections was a big hit in the community,” said Dr. Schaeufele, CEO St. Vincent Mercy Children’s Hospital and Signature Chefs Honorary Chair. “Our guests generously bid on priceless auction items with prizes including a trip to Hawaii and dinner for 8 at Toledo Country Club.”

Proceeds from Signature Chefs Auction benefit the March of Dimes campaign to reduce the rate of premature births, birth defects, and other serious threats to babies’ health. More than half a million babies are born too soon each year. That’s why it is so important for local events like this to support the March of Dimes efforts to help babies be born healthy.

“Our Ambassador Family, Mark & Denise Greenblatt, shared with the audience why they are committed to the March of Dimes. They experienced the loss of their first child, Jonah and their second child, Cayden, was born premature with a birth defect. We thank them for sharing such a personal story,” said Jennifer Skeldon, Event Co-Chair.

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“We’d like to specially thank Emcee Susan Ross Wells, 13abc and our Auctioneer Pam Rose,” said Lisa Hawker, NW Ohio Board Chair. “They really helped make the evening satisfying all the way around.”

“We are grateful to all of our sponsors, St. Vincent Mercy Children’s Hospital, Dr. and Mrs. Moustafa Aouthmany, Dr. Minda Te, Buckeye CableSystem, Dr. Barbara Chappell and Adrian Acebedo, Heartland, Lucas County Prosecutor’s Office, St. Vincent Children’s Hospital Neonatology Group, 13abc, Toledo Free Press and Pam Rose Auction. And to the Toledo area who turned out to support the March of Dimes.”

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies. For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at marchofdimes.com or its Spanish language Web site at nacersano.org.

Thank you to our participating chefs:

- Toledo Country Club
- Hilton Garden Inn
- Beirut
- Bistro Wasabi
- City Q BBQ
- Defiance Regional Medical Center
- Fat Fish Blue, Home of the Funny Bone
- Handel’s
- Hilton Toledo
- Ice Creations
- Kotobuki
- Mary Poppins
- Mercy Health Partners
- Myles Baker Street
- P.F. Chang’s
- Revolver
- Rosie’s
- Super Suppers
- Sweet Louise Sauces
- Tea Tree Asian Bistro

Thank you to all of our wine and beer vendors:

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