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Night of the Child Event a Success!

LAFAYETTE, LA. – Between browsing art displays, bidding on luxury items and dancing the night away, guests at **Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana’s *Night of the Child* Gala, Martini and Sushi Soiree** on Thursday, January 10 had a great time while supporting a worthy cause.

The annual event was held at the Acadiana Center for the Arts this year, which was uniquely adorned with the artwork of local school children. Guests enjoyed cuisine from Toby Orillion and hit the dance floor later in the evening to the sounds of The Andy Smith Band. Patrons also had the opportunity to bid on silent auction items such as fine art work, exciting hunting/fishing trips, pampering health and beauty days, exquisite jewelry, unique pottery and more.

Night of the Child is PCA Louisiana’s premier fundraiser, with separate events in each of its seven regions: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Monroe, and Shreveport. The local fundraisers engage community members and raise funds to further the mission of the organization.

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[Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana celebrates *Night of the Child*, continued]

This year's *Night of the Child* "Platinum" sponsor was Cal-Chlor. The "Silver" sponsors for this event include The Lemoine Company, Lafayette Steel Erector, Inc., S & T Bank, Tri-Parish Bank, Ben Thibeaux, Dr. and Mrs. Rainey, Acadiana Bottling Co., and Midsouth Bank. Other sponsors were Doug Ashy Building Materials, Martin & Castille Funeral Homes, Van Eaton & Romero, Physical Therapy South, Fertility & Women's Health Center of Louisiana, Dr. Stormant, and the Golf Connection.

Proceeds from "Night of the Child" benefit the local programs offered by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana. Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana is a statewide, volunteer-based organization dedicated to preventing the abuse and neglect of our state's children. The organization's guiding principles are valuing children, strengthening families and engaging communities. PCA Louisiana annually coordinates the efforts of over 1000 volunteers and professionals statewide to assist in initiating and implementing child abuse prevention programs.

For more information about PCA Louisiana, visit their website at www.pcal.org. For free parenting help by phone, call 1-800-CHILDREN (244-5373) between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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