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**Martha's Village & Kitchen Continues to Celebrate Twenty Years of Making a Difference for Neighbors in Need on March 11 with the Village Fiesta Gala.**

(Indio, California—March 4, 2010) Martha's Village & Kitchen continues to celebrate twenty years of making a difference for, Neighbors in Need with its Village Fiesta Gala on Thursday, March 11th at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa in Indian Wells. All funds raised at this year's Gala will benefit the children of Martha's Village & Kitchen to help break the cycle of homelessness. This year nine area churches will be honored for their ongoing support of Martha's Village & Kitchen with the Heart and Spirit of Martha's Award.

Festivities begin at 6pm with a silent auction and hosted bar. Entertainment, dinner, awards ceremony, and live auction follow at 7:30. Generous auction donations include: custom made suit from Belmaggio, a piece from Hillis Leather on El Paseo, gift certificates to choice Valley restaurants, spa treatments, and getaways to Cabo San Lucas, Maui, Chicago, Newport Beach and Lake Tahoe, to name just a few of the numerous silent and live auction items. Dress is casual. Tickets are \$300 each with tables of ten for \$3,000. For tickets, call 760-347-4741, extension 316 or email: [Blair.Amidei@neighbor.org](mailto:Blair.Amidei@neighbor.org)

"What began twenty years ago as a simple meal line serving neighbors in need has grown into the most comprehensive and largest facility working with the homeless in Riverside County," notes Father Joe Carroll, President of Martha's Village & Kitchen. "How far we have come in serving the homeless and helping the community is the significance of this celebration," Father Joe adds.

Funds raised from the Village Fiesta will benefit the children living at Martha's Village & Kitchen. Programs include: infant/toddler, toddler, preschool, after-school and character development.

**About Martha's Village & Kitchen: Founded in 1990, Martha's Village & Kitchen is the largest provider of homeless services in Riverside County. Its continuum of care provides a place for people to regain their lives and includes Emergency and Transitional housing for single adults and families, Counseling, Job Skills, Career and Education Training, Medical Care and Children's Services. Martha's Village & Kitchen also provides services to the community at its Medical Clinic and a daily meal to the public. Every dollar raised for Martha's Village & Kitchen stays in the Coachella Valley to serve our neighbors in need.**

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