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CASA of Los Angeles and SHARE Inc. hosted their annual Glamour Gowns event at L.A. Convention Center. Now in its 9th year, the event provided 300+ young women currently in the county foster system a formal gown and accessories for her prom or special event.

The Glamour Gowns event created a day of excitement for the young ladies as they were paired with personal shoppers helping guide them through the hundreds of dresses, shoes, bags and jewelry that have been generously donated for the event by individual donors and corporate partners like Chinese Laundry, Neutrogena and David's Bridal, who continue to be ardent supporters of Glamour Gowns. With the help of these partners, they are able to provide an opportunity for these young women to feel great about themselves while allowing them to participate in a very important teen-age rite of passage.

CASA volunteers are appointed by the court to represent the interests of abused and neglected children in juvenile court to secure a safe, nurturing, permanent home. CASA volunteers are diligent advocates for the services needed to help each child become a healthy, productive adult.

Vanity Fair and Brioni, along

with Oscar-winning filmmaker Paul Haggis, nominee Lee Daniels and actor Gerard Butler, hosted the Artists for Peace and Justice fundraiser at Bar Nineteen 12 at The Beverly Hills Hotel.

The magazine's publisher Edward Menichesi and Brioni USA's Todd Barrato joined guests Debbie Allen, Kristen Bell, Maria Bello, Simone and Troy Garrity, Cuba Gooding Jr., Dennis Hainsberg, John Hamm, Melora Hardin, Diane Lane, AnnaLynne McCord, Hayden Panettiere, CCH Pounder, Louise Roe, Abigail Spencer, Ben Stiller, Nia Vardalos, Jennifer Westfeldt, Olivia Wilde and Rick Yune.

Artists for Peace and Justice, established in early 2009, is a fundraising effort founded by Haggis that encourages peace and social justice and addresses issues of poverty and disenfranchisement in communities around the world. The organization's immediate goal is to build schools serving the poorest areas of Haiti.

The event raised much needed awareness and funds for APJ while also celebrating the 65th anniversary of the fashion house Brioni, which three years ago was named the most prestigious men's fashion brand in the United States in an independent survey conducted by the Luxury Institute of New York. The glob-

al luxury lifestyle brand company is managed by Andrea Perone, president/CEO.

Vanity Fair also joined forces with The Feed Foundation and the Hungry in America Project for a funder at Craft in Century City hosted *Top Chef's* Tom Colicchio and CAA Managing Partner Bryan Lourd.

Colicchio, along with acclaimed L.A. chefs Nancy Silverton and Suzanne Goin, plus Michael Voltaggio, winner of *Top Chef* Season 6, raised awareness of the cause of hunger in America for a number of celebs including David Arquette, Elizabeth Berkley, Lauren and Greg Lauren, Marcia Cross, Diane Farr, Topher Grace, Samantha Harris, Jimmy Jean-Louis, Nick Lachey, Ali Larter, Debi Mazar, Katherine McPhee, Adam Shankman, Josh Stamberg and Alison Sweeney, Hungry in America Project filmmakers Lori Silverbush and Kristi Jacobson and The Feed Foundation co-founders Ellen Gustafson and Lauren Bush.

The project is a multi-platform social impact campaign, centered around the feature-length documentary *Hungry In America* by filmmakers Lori Silverbush and Kristi Jacobson, set to be released early next year.

The Feed Foundation, dedicated to raising funds to ensure nutritious school meals for all children as a first step to improving the



GLAMOUR GOWNS—CASA of Los Angeles and SHARE Inc. hosted the 9th annual Glamour Gowns event at L.A. Convention Center for young women in the county foster system. Pictured with CASA teen Melissa (center) are (from left): CASA boardmember Sue Marshall; and SHARE's Caryn Mintz, Chairman of the Board Joan Rush, and Doreen Wallach.

Photo by Melinda Manos

global food system.

Angela Missoni, designer and creative director of the renowned Missoni fashion house, hosted a dinner in celebration of the first ever Missoni Boutique in L.A. She was joined by daughter Margherita and niece Jennifer along with Michelle Alves, Joy Bryant, Jo Champa, Lily Collins, Angie Harmon, Rashida Jones, Kidada Jones, Quincy Jones, Lisa Love, Eva Mendes, Nicole Richie, John and Gela Taylor, Mario Testino, Jamie Tisch, Chris Tucker, Amber

They enjoyed a four course meal by Wolfgang Puck, beginning with various appetizers and ending with a chocolate soufflé. After hours of conversation and laughter, guests left the boutique with gifted Missoni scarves in hand.

Los Angeles Children's Chorus celebrated the debut performance of its newest choir, "Emerging Voices," one of only a few in the country to serve boy vocalists with changing voices, at a special concert and fundraiser at the home of Antoinette Adams and Frederic Cohen in San Marino.

Steven Komauer conducted the choir in four works specially selected to fit the members' fluctuating vocal ranges, including the Muskogee Indian piece *Hallelujah, Vaga Luna* by Vincenzo Bellini, *Dona Nobis Pacem*, and an arrangement of *And I'll Kiss Thee Yet*. Several choristers also gave personal comments about how important it is for them to be able to participate in a choir of this caliber after their voices change and they can no longer sing in the children's choir. Proceeds benefit the "Emerging Voices" program.

A Noise Within, the acclaimed repertory company, wraps three productions—and its season—in late May, including

Shakespeare's classic *Much Ado About Nothing*, directed by Michael Murray, which closes May 21; celebrated Irish playwright John Millington Synge's hilarious romantic comedy *The Playboy Of The Western World*, which closes May 22; and *Awake And Sing!* by Clifford Odets, which closes May 23.

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