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Community Service

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Preschoolers Visit Moraga Royale

Submitted by Jennifer Gerst



group of enthusiastic 3-year-olds from the Nurtury Preschool visited residents of Moraga Royale recently. The children sang special Valentine's Day songs and invited the residents to join them in drumming on oatmeal-box drums. They presented each of their new senior friends with a colorful plant in a hand-decorated pot, and they left a giant Valentine for all to share. Nurtury Preschool is a ministry of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, and the children are all part of Miss Jennifer's class.

Miramonte Student Production Benefits "Free The Children"

Submitted by Samuel Shain



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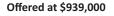


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from freshmen to seniors, will ager. take the stage tomorrow night as part of the variety show Peformers for Amrita Newton ran the auditions for

early 50 Miramonte students, managing, and acting as house man-

Co-producers Samuel Shain and

Since the show is cabaret-style, each act prepared themselves individually. "We were not in charge of monitoring their progress," Shain said, but he noted the students did have a final tech/dress rehearsal to get the production team comfortable with the show.

Proceeds from the show will benefit "Free The Children," a non-profit that engages youth to fulfill their potential to become agents of change. "A lot of work goes into finding a suitable charity," Shain said. "We do our research through several charity search engines. Every charity Performers for Progress has donated to in the past has a mission that creates a long-term positive impact. This year we decided to support our school leadership's charity: Free the Children. We respected its mission, and thought it would be a great way to work collaboratively with the school."

Performers for Progress was cofounded in 2007 by Madeline Vann and Emilyn Kowaleski. Performances are at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25 and Saturday, April 27 at the Miramonte High School Theater. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$12 for adults, and are available at the box office. For more information about "Free The Children," visit www.freethechildren.com.



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Progress – a cabaret-style production filled with singing, live music, acting, dancing and even an enthralling magic trick. Another 14 students will work behind the scenes on the production team, helping with concessions, ushering, lights/sound, stage

the show and facilitated the production. "The audition process was simple," Shain said. "Sign up for a time on the choir door, fill out an audition sheet, and perform the piece. Anyone in the entire school that is a student could audition."

NCL Honors 2013 Graduating Seniors

Submitted by Jill Nerone

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Front row, from left: Gina Nerone, Marina Pazos, Christina Romak, Natalie Garrett, Claire Winter, Karen Ranstrom, Sara Torchio, Gigi Axelrode, and Erika vonNovak. Back row: Emma Jones, Kelly Martin, Madeline Bush, Jane Baffi, Lauren Andronico, Taylor Nielson, Kendall Kovalik, Abbey Healey, Sarah Parsons, Alyssa Parsons, Jenna Reynolds, and Alison Pietrykowski. Photo Deanna Wentzel

he Lamorinda chapter of the National Charity League, Inc. - a non-profit organization of mothers and daughters who join together in community involvement through participation in philanthropic activities, along with leadership and cultural events-recently honored its 22 graduating seniors who began their service to the community, along with their

seventh grade. The 2013 class of the Lamorinda Chapter, which includes girls from Orinda, Moraga, and Lafayette, dedicated thousands of hours of community service over the past six years to over 30 local organizations such as the Contra Costa Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, Monument Crisis Center, Special Olympics, Blue Star Moms, the mothers, after joining the chapter in American Cancer Society, Cal

Shakes, J.F. Kapnek Pediatric Aids Foundation, Las Trampas, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Shorebird Nature Center. These volunteer activities help forge a lifelong commitment to community service, and deepen the bond between mother and daughter through these shared activities. For membership information, please visit www.nationalcharityleague.org.