

## YMCA CELEBRATES SUCCESS AT THE BURRAGE MANSION

### PRESIDENT'S GOLDEN CIRCLE RAISES \$245,000 FOR Y SCHOLARSHIPS

If you drove by the Burrage Mansion on the evening of January 27<sup>th</sup>, you may have seen YMCA volunteers celebrating a victorious fundraising campaign for the YMCA of the East Valley.

From October through mid-January, more than 30 volunteers in the President's Golden Circle raised nearly \$246,000 or 107% of the \$230,000 goal from local businesses, service clubs and individual donors, many of whom gave at the level of \$1,000 or more. Funds provide scholarships that allow children, families and adults to participate in family and community strengthening programs such as health & fitness, child care, resident camp, and swim lessons.

"We were faced with asking for support during what many are calling the most challenging economy in a lifetime," said Campaign Chair Paul Brubacher. "The community stepped up because it recognized that in tough times, the YMCA is more important than ever. It's clear that many people heard our message. They responded by donating generously and asking others to do the same," added Brubacher.

Brubacher extended a special thanks to Tim Rochford for allowing the Y to use the beautiful Burrage Mansion for the Victory Celebration. Ellen Timothy, director of the Rochford Foundation, was on hand to give guests an inside look at the Burrage so they could see all the work that had been done. Many had seen the mansion on prior visits and all were impressed with the beauty of the place and the outstanding work that has been done to restore and renovate the Redlands landmark.

As in years past, the President's Golden Circle campaign benefitted from a friendly competitive spirit among volunteers who raced toward the finish line. Leading the pack was volunteer campaigner, **Margarita McAnally**, a long-time supporter, who personally raised nearly \$35,000 for the Y. "I am truly committed to support the mission of the Y. It's my way of 'paying it forward'," she said. Margarita McAnally received a tiara for "regaining her crown" as top fundraiser for the YMCA.

"I have been involved in one way or another with the Y since 1960. I moved here with my family and my children became active before I did," said McAnally. "The Y enabled us to participate in a lot of different programs and services and we all loved it. I began devoting much of my time and energy to raising money for the Y as a way to give back."

"Margarita was with the Y when the President's Golden Circle was born," said Kathy Chennault, director of development. "She helped make this campaign a mainstay of our annual campaign. Margarita has a genuine love for the Y and helps secure resources for the Y every year. She knows how important it is for everyone to be part of the Y. That's why she works so hard year after year."

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Funds raised during the Y's President's Golden Circle provide scholarships that enable youth from many different backgrounds to learn and grow in a safe and caring environment, interact with positive adult role models and develop leadership skills. Families who are experiencing difficulty in making ends meet can contact the Y to find out more about our financial assistance opportunities.

The YMCA of the East Valley Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to the following volunteers for their hard work on the 2009 President's Golden Circle:

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