



## Press Release

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The Holidays are over but there is one more party you won't want to miss. Kick off the new year at the EastLake Educational Foundation's ***Taste of EastLake, presented by the Adrian and Betsy Gonzalez Foundation***. Enjoy food and spirits from 30+ purveyors and lively music spun by DJ Juice. Local NBC reporter Joe Little will emcee the evening that includes one-of-a-kind live and silent auction opportunities including a week's stay at a luxury VRBO in South Lake Tahoe and a flight on a US Air Force and US Navy T-34 fighter trainer.

This no-fuss, all-fun event is a community favorite and every dollar raised goes to EastLake Schools. EastLake Educational Foundation (EEF) is a 501©3 nonprofit which was founded in 1995. In collaboration with the community, the EastLake Educational Foundation provides resources for programs that support EastLake public schools, ensuring students can succeed in a technology-driven world. "This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. A strong showing at this event ensures we can provide grant funding for technology in the coming year. This past year we were able to grant \$120,000 to six EastLake public schools," stated Janet Francis, Executive Director at the EastLake Educational Foundation.

Since 1995 the EEF has been a trusted partner in the community and provided over \$2,000,000 to schools to fund STEM/STEAM programs, computers and hardware, instructional software, and technical staffing support. The EEF ensures that the organizational values are upheld. These values include: Community, Education, Innovation, Partnership, Diversity and most importantly Trust. Copies of the EEF's annual report and tax reports can be found at [eefkids.org](http://eefkids.org).

At this year's event attendees will enjoy food and spirits from Ballast Point, Bay Bridge Brewing, Board and Brew, Bubba's Smokehouse, California Pizza Kitchen, Chick Fil A, Copper Collar Distillery, Dobson's Bar & Restaurant, Epic Wings N Things, Giggling Goodies by Risa, Groundswell Brewing Co., Hooked on Crab, Ika Sushi & Grill, Islands Fine Burgers and Drinks, Jersey Mike's Subs, Karina's Mexican Seafood Cuisine, Liberty Call Distilling, Lolita's Mexican Food, Mad Flour Bakery, Novo Brazil Brewing, One Hope Wine, Palomar Mountain Spring Water, Pavaraga Hawaiian Coffee and Café, Pizzo's Pizzeria & Wine Bar, PRP Wine International, San Diego Cocktails, San Diego Distillery, Savoie Italian Eatery, Seven Caves Spirits, Skrewball Whisky, The Galley at the Marina, Thorn Brewing, Thr3e Punk Ales Brewing Co., and What the Freaky Waffles.

Sponsors include returning presenting sponsor, The Adrian and Betsy Gonzalez Foundation. Other top sponsors include Pinnick Inc., The Venue at EastLake, COX, Snapp & Associates Insurance Services Inc., Community Health Group, Republic Services, US Bank, Sudberry Properties, Walters Management, Baldwin & Sons, Lolita's Mexican Food, The EastLake Self Storage, Ozzy's Plumbing, Estrella Dental, Elaine V. Sunga Orthodontics, and El Pollo Grill.

A new award will be presented during the event, ***The Ostrem Award***. This award will be given to Bill Ostrem, past CEO and President of The EastLake Company. Bill was responsible for starting the EastLake Educational Foundation and his legacy of leadership and generosity will be celebrated annually through this award.

What a great way to start 2019!

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