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WINE FOR MEDICINE WORLDWIDE

Santa Barbara Vintners' Association keeps fundraising on track for Direct Relief International.

THE EVENT: Every two years the Santa Barbara Vintners' Association holds its American Riviera Wine Auction, "Vintner's Express," to raise funds for Direct Relief International (DRI). This year's event benefited Direct Relief USA and took place February 20; it was the first to be held at one of DRI's warehouse facilities. Volunteers transformed the space into a railroad setting to fit the event's theme, "Homeward Bound." Guests sampled a variety of wines from Beckmen Vineyards and hors d'oeuvres from Root 246, Hitching Post, Hungry Cat, Wine Cask, the Ballard Inn, Seagrass, and Bouchon. Dinner was provided by New West Catering and followed by a wine auction.

THE CAUSE: Direct Relief International was founded in 1948 in Santa Barbara and has remained in the community ever since. The organization has dispensed medical equipment, medicine, training, and grants to medical professionals equaling more than \$1 billion since 2000, and provided emergency disaster relief to 60 countries last year. In the United States, Direct Relief works in all 50 states through more than 1,000 clinics. *Forbes* magazine identified Direct Relief as one of only two nonprofit organizations in the country to reach 99-percent fundraising efficiency. (directrelief.org) ■



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