

## **LA CUNA HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA**

### **BENEFITING LOCAL LATINO FOSTER CHILDREN**

#### **Local Nonprofit Attempts to Raise More Than \$60,000 for Family and Community Cause**

SAN DIEGO On Sunday, April 6, a nonprofit called La Cuna (Spanish for cradle) will host its third annual Mother-Daughter Tea, held at Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa, to benefit local Latino foster children. Last years event sold out with 310 guests and raised more than \$60,000 for La Cunas core program needs.

The event celebrates the bridging of cultures that is apropos to our border town. Guests will enjoy hip-hop and salsa dancing from Mighty Shock and Positive Energy, as well as Alma Latina and Culture Shocks childrens dance troupes.

Celebrity guest Monique Marvez, from San Diego radio station 100.7 Jack FM, will host the event, and a San Diego Hotspot Stingaree DJ will provide energizing music. Families can take advantage of a professional photographer and children can participate in face painting, puppeteer shows, mini makeovers, arts and crafts.

At the event, Retired Chief of Police David Bejarano, who is Chairman of the Board of Directors of La Cuna, will honor Elizabeth Copely with the Cradle Award in recognition for her outstanding contributions and commitment to the health and well being of children.

This year, Anna Jauregui, attorney at Appellate Defenders, Inc., and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of La Cuna, will serve as event chairperson. Joining her will be honorary co-chairs Yolanda Walther-Meade, along with her daughter Yolanda S. Walther-Meade, Lauren Brennan and Kristi Pieper-Rossbacher. La Cuna is proud to announce its honorary committee is now 52-women strong, and growing.

Tickets for the Tea are now available for \$125 per Adult and \$65 per child, ages three and older. To purchase tickets on line, please visit [www.lacuna.org](http://www.lacuna.org), or call

Lorraine at (619)-521-9900 x. 4. All proceeds from the Mother-Daughter Tea benefit La Cuna children, families and program needs.

### **About La Cuna, Inc.**

**In Spanish, la cuna means, cradle a place of safety and comfort for babies.**

**La Cuna is a young and energetic non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality foster care for San Diegos most vulnerable children, Latino infants from birth to five years of age. La Cunas goal is to create awareness within the community about the issues surrounding Latino foster children, and to make these at risk youngsters a higher priority.**

Established in September, 2003 to address the shortage of culturally-sensitive foster homes serving Latino infants and toddlers, *La Cuna* is dedicated to establishing foster family practices that allow young children access to healthy, loving and nurturing environments. For more information on La Cuna, please visit [www.lacuna.org](http://www.lacuna.org) or call 619.521.9900