

Cinco de Mayo Night Approaches Sellout

Over 200 tickets have been sold but the Friends of Children United Society's (FOCUS) Cinco de Mayo dinner event to be held on May 5, 2019 in the Nautilus Room, Coronado Community Center, 1845 Strand Way, is nearing the point of being sold out. With live entertainment, dancing, dinner, and even a silent auction as well as a live auction to entice the bargain hunter, you'll want to purchase your tickets soon.

This year, attendees at the event will be viewing a slide show of pictures and videos of each of the live auction items. The very exciting, unique experiences will be offered. There's a romantic stay in Tuscany in a lovely farmhouse amongst the vineyards with a cooking class with gourmet dinner and wines at Pasta al Pesto and a private owner winery tour in Montepulciano with a premier producer of Italy's cherished Brunello. A VIP hospitality package to the 2019 Junior Seau Celebrity Challenge with red carpet reception passes and Champions dinner passes, 18th Green hospitality passes and a hotel night stay. There will also be two passes to anywhere Alaska Airlines flies and one wee lodging for any destination selected. A little closer to home is the offering of a farm-to-table dinner for eight, hosted in a lovely Coronado home with fish sourced privately from the waters of Alaska accompanied by lovely wines from the cellars of Quigley Fine Wines, all served by FOCUS board members and Coronado Mayor Richard Bailey. Another item up for bid is a Galapagos Island trip of a lifetime with a one week stay at an amazing villa on Santa Cruz Island that sleeps 10 with a poolside bar and bath and a saltwater high-walled lava grotto for snorkeling.

A few of the exciting silent auction items are field level seats at a Padres game; home plate box seats for a Giants game and hotel in San Francisco; paddleboard, bikes, golf club and bag; golf, tennis and surfing lessons; wine tastings; pub crawl; steakhouse dinners; Sunday brunch at the Hotel del Coronado; University Club membership and lunch; lodging at Lake Tahoe, Breckenridge, Coronado and Point Loma; numerous sightseeing and museum adventures; beautiful home décor and artwork; unique custom jewelry and accessories.

All this is up for auction and the best part is that your money will go towards helping kids. FOCUS does so much in the community.

Every member of FOCUS is a volunteer. Each individual pays less than \$100 a year to be a participating member. Their membership includes the ability to vote on expending money to support organizations of their choice that are usually offered on a monthly basis. They have the option of helping to become shoppers for goods that will be delivered to needy children in San Diego County. They also have the option of actually delivering items to organizations that support battered, abused, homeless, and children in need. Well-over \$100,000 was given to organizations that support children in need last year.

Persons who are interested in joining FOCUS can go on line and visit <http://focus-sdkids.org/calendar-of-events/>, and see the calendar of events for 2019. Click on membership. To see many of the projects and some of the many organizations that FOCUS supports, click on projects and view a sampling of their work. The Cinco de Mayo dinner event, tickets and details, as well as to register to bid on auction items, visit www.focus2019.givesmart.com.