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\$25,000 Check Presented FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The major sponsors for Edesia: A Palisade Culinary, Wine & Spirits Adventure at Wine Country Inn on April 3, presented a \$25,000 check to the Marillac Clinic Board of Directors at the April meeting on Tuesday.

Marillac Executive Director Kay Ramachandran accepted the donation from Ben VanHoose, vice president of Alpine Bank and Anne Tally, co-owner of the Wine Country Inn. This year's donation brings the total monies raised for the clinic to an impressive \$111,000 over six years.

Edesia is presented by Alpine Bank in conjunction with Wine Country Inn to benefit Marillac Clinic, which provides medical, dental and behavioral health services for the Medicaid, Medicare, uninsured and under-insured residents of the Grand Valley. St Mary's Medical Center joined Alpine and WCI this year as a major sponsor of the event, an alliance which the organizers welcome whole-heartedly.

"We really appreciate the way St. Mary's stepped up to support Edesia," emphasizes Tally. "They and Alpine Bank are great partners."

Other sponsors include KKCO11News, the Vault 100.7, Magic 93.1, Shamrock Foods, Peczuh Printing, FCI Constructors, Absolute Prestige Limousine Service, Suzi Productions, Eagle River Associates, Country Elegance Florists, Uniform Junction, the Palisade Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Palisade.

In accepting the \$25,000, Executive Director Ramachandran commented: “Nothing smells and tastes more like community philanthropy than the Edesia event. It gives you that warm feeling of giving, contributing, taking care of the marginalized in your own community and, above all, bringing a diverse group together to make the event the great success that it is.

“Our deepest gratitude to the Tally family for conceptualizing this event and keeping it unique and intimate at the same time. **The donation goes directly to support our patient services which, for the next few years, is an aggressive growing phase to meet the substantial needs of our community.**”

“Our family is passionate about supporting Marillac Clinic because of the many people we know who use its services,” responds Tally. “Those dollars translate into real time care for so many patients who might fall through the cracks. Marillac is there to help.”

The theme for Edesia 2016 was “Colorado Proud” and featured local and Colorado foods, vendors and Culinary All Star Chefs Griff Chiono, Josh Niernberg, and Brunella Gualerzi, Michael Gonzales and Joshua Roberts, who created a special menu for the VIP Luncheon, then demonstrated their skills for participants in the afternoon.

“I think we can safely say that besides being a resounding fund-raising success, Edesia was an entertaining event featuring local goods and talent that our guests enjoyed a great deal,” Tally adds.

Edesia 2017 is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, she points out. “Stay tuned for more details.”

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