

Rotary Club of Sacramento's "Bids for Kids" Raises Record-Setting \$388,000 for Powerhouse Science Center

The Rotary Club of Sacramento announced today that the 27th annual "Bids for Kids" charity event raised a record-setting \$388,000 for this year's recipient – the Powerhouse Science Center.

All proceeds from "Bids for Kids" go toward building the Powerhouse Science Center, which will be located on the scenic banks of the Sacramento River. The Center will cost an estimated \$50 million and has nearly completed its pre-construction phase. The 60-year old Discovery Museum Science & Space Center at 3615 Auburn Blvd., is scheduled to move from its current location and become the Powerhouse Science Center in 2013.

Bids for Kids, an elegant evening of fine food and drink, was held at the Sacramento's Discovery Museum Science & Space Center. The night included a live auction led by auctioneer David Sobon, with a variety of donations that ranged from exotic vacation getaways, premium wines, restaurant gift cards, theatre and sporting event tickets, and much more.

The Bids for Kids effort received a generous commitment from Social Venture Partners of Sacramento. Committed to philanthropy efforts among its partners, which includes the Powerhouse Science Center, Social Venture Partners matched the first \$100,000 that was raised by the Bids for Kids event.

"We are thrilled with the tremendous news regarding the fund-raising efforts that resulted from Bids for Kids," said **Michele Wong**, Interim Executive Director for the Powerhouse Science Center. "We can't thank the Rotary Club of Sacramento enough, first of all for choosing us as this year's recipient, then doing such a terrific job of making Bids for Kids a memorable evening. We also want to thank all the generous people that bid on items to make this a record-setting event. There was a ton of hard work by all the volunteers, who did a wonderful job of making this an extra-special occasion."

Hosted by **Marianne McClary**, morning TV anchor on "Good Day Sacramento" for more than 16 years, Bids for Kids also showcased the many interactive ways that the Powerhouse Science Center plans to educate students about science.

Discovery Museum tours featured the interactive science center's *Space Quest!* exhibit and the recently opened Robotics Lab, which will be part of the Powerhouse Science Center when it opens in 2013. The museum's planetarium was turned into a high-tech bar for the evening, with glow-in-the-dark drinks and projected views of the cosmos.

"The Powerhouse Science Center will be a wonderful educational facility for the Greater Sacramento region, so it was very rewarding for the Rotary Club to have

a record-setting Bids for Kids effort,” said **Jon Snyder**, Rotary Club of Sacramento co-chair for this year’s event. “There are just so many people to thank for such a wonderful evening. Our Rotary Club is really pleased by how well the event turned out.”

For more information on the Powerhouse Science Center, including how to become a Founding Partner, visit www.powerhousesciencecenter.org, email info@PowerhouseScienceCenter.org, or call 916 853-0343. Visit the Center on Twitter, Facebook and Flickr.