



Mark and Sheela Hunt (Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation)



Jill Padilla with Thomas Rollerson, Founder/President of Dream Foundation



Dan Kass, Lisa Rinna, and Debbie Kass



Christopher Cross, one of the evening's popular musical performers



Singer Judith Owen who will perform here on October 23rd at Soho



Sandy Steele of Lady Footlocker, Michael Lebow, Sabrina Stephenson

THE DREAM FOUNDATION'S

An Evening of Dreams in Beverly Hills

BY JILL PADILLA, Special to CASA

Guests, patrons, and celebrities alike were enchanted from the moment they arrived at the home of Priscilla Presley, the gracious hostess of the Dream Foundation's *Evening of Dreams*. Designed by Kara Keasney Events, Presley's lower lawn had been transformed into a cozy and elegant room under a screened tent that allowed guests to see and enjoy the night sky.

Among those present to represent Santa Barbara and support the Dream Foundation's mission were Dan and Debbie Kass, Gary and Roberta Schlegel, Anita Mason, Tracy Simerly, Sheela and Mark Hunt, Mary Ellen Tiffany, Donna and Tad Buchanan, Rachael Stull, Caroyln Lewis, Sally and Clay Dickens and photographers Priscilla and Roberto.

Guests were wooed by Vittorio who sang to the moon an amazing serenade of *Maria* from the *Westside Story*.

Santa Barbara treasure Christopher Cross sang *Sailing*, *Laura*, and *Moon over NYC* and expressed his dedication to continued outreach of the Dream Foundation. Cross has been an ardent supporter of the Dream Foundation since its inception.

Chris Daughy, *American Idol* runner up performed two original songs.

American Idol winner Fantasia poured on the love with *Summertime*, a soulful rendition of *Always on My Mind* by Willie Nelson, and a rocking, *Give me Something Good*.

Judith Owen sang, armed with only a keyboard. She chose two songs from her latest album, *Here*



Lisa Rinna, (dancing with the stars) and Ambassador, Priscilla Presley

and *I'll watch you while you are sleeping*. Both songs were written using the inspiration of a lost loved one. Her voice and the lyrics touched so many hearts. (FYI for Judith Owen fans: she will be performing at Soho on October 23rd!)

Alan Thicke led the audience through the live auction which brought in over \$100,000.

Camryn Manheim introduced Thomas Rollerson, founder of the Dream Foundation, the nation's largest wish-granting organization for adults. Bruce Jenner was present with his family and had words to honor Priscilla and the Dream Foundation. Kevin Nealon and Joely Fisher were also present.

Family members of Dream recipients

also spoke including Donald Forbis Jr., son of Dream recipient Donald Forbis of North Carolina, who told the story of his father's wish to professionally record a song he wrote for his wife and family so that they would have an ever-lasting "love letter" to pass down from generation to generation.

Also in attendance was Marilyn Cole, mother of Dream recipient Allison Cole. Marilyn gave a heartfelt thank-you to all the donors who had made her daughter's dream come true.

The Directors of Odyssey HealthCare, one of the largest providers of hospice

services in the United States, were also present. The Odyssey Foundation and Dream Foundation work together to make final dreams come true.

The event reminded attendees that family members and friends of terminally ill people calculate their time together in seconds and moments, instead of days, weeks, and months.

For more information about the Dream Foundation visit the web at

www.dreamfoundation.org.

The Dream Foundation is dedicated to making those dreams come true when they matter most. Last year, during the holiday season, the Dream Foundation had 30 dream recipients whose dreams were in line for fulfillment.

With support from people in the Santa Barbara Community, and with nation-wide support, those dreams were realized.

This year, there are over 90 Dream recipients

hoping for fulfillment of their dying wish. Most dreams revolve around family reunions and once in a lifetime meetings, which become more and more meaningful as the illness progresses. The Dream Foundation has become the nation's largest wish-granting agency for adults battling terminal illness.

Event sponsors were Harmon Kardon, Mercedes-Benz, Odyssey HealthCare, American Airlines, Vox Vodka and Sauza Tres Generaciones Tequila, YES Design Group and Kalyra Winery. The host committee for the night was Michael Anthony, Brian Graden, Darren Higman, Hostess and Dream Foundation Ambassador Priscilla Presley, Joel Roman and Diane Warren.



Dream Foundation's beautiful Ambassador and hostess, Priscilla Presley and mesmerizing singer, Vittorio.



Thomas Rollerson, Founder/President of Dream Foundation (BACK) Anita Mason, Claudia Stout, Clay Dickens, Sally Dickens of Santa Barbara (LEFT TO RIGHT)



Ambassador Priscilla Presley and Nigel Lythgoe of American Idol



Fantasia, American Idol Winner and Chris Daughy, American Idol runner-up



Mary Ellen Tiffany, Carolyn Lewis, Debbie Kass, Dan Kass, Gary and Roberta Schlegel. (front row, left to right): Rachel Stull, Donna and Tad Buchanan