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### **DINING TO DELIVER GALA WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR MOW DIABLO REGION SENIOR SERVICES**

***[Contra Costa County, CA - March 31, 2023]*** – Join Meals on Wheels Diablo Region (MOW Diablo Region) for a night of dining, dancing, and fun at the Dining to Deliver Gala on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at the Blackhawk Museum. Last year's event was sold out, and this year's Dining to Deliver promises to be another great evening that will help support vulnerable seniors in our community.

MOW Diablo Region has been delivering meals and lifesaving services to seniors since 1968. In the past year alone, they delivered over 600,000 meals. The need for its supportive services has grown, like Fall Prevention which grew by 150%, and Friendly Visits and Calls to help prevent isolation, and care management that helps seniors with social issues, including depression, evictions, and elder abuse, have also grown exponentially. With the need for delivered meals and supportive services only increasing, this gala is crucial to help continue providing these essential services.

Paul Heggen, award-winning Chief Meteorologist at KPIX-TV, will serve as the evening's Master of Ceremonies! Heggen won the "Weather Anchor" Emmy for his work at KPIX during the 2020 season — that brought his total number of Emmy Awards up to seven! In 2019, he was named "Weathercaster of the Year" by the Radio, Television, and Digital News Association of the Carolinas. He has also won multiple "Best Weathercast" and "Best Weather Anchor" awards from the Associated Press and Society of Professional Journalists. He brought high energy and smiles to the gala last year, and the organization is excited to welcome him again for another night of fun!

Franco the "Warriors Hype Man" Finn, will serve as the gala auctioneer! Finn is in his 20th Season as the In-Arena MC and TV Personality for the NBA Champion Golden State Warriors. Finn performs live in front of 20,000+ fans each night and is also a segment host on KRON 4 TV. Franco Finn is a much sought-after professional auctioneer having raised millions of dollars for high-profile local and national nonprofits.

The gala will host live music by the Timebandits, Solano County's Premier Dance Band. They are a family of talented, well-versed musicians who filled the dance floor for last year's event!

The Martinez Refining Company is the event's Diamond Sponsor, John Muir Health is the event's Emerald Sponsor, and Diablo Magazine is the Media Sponsor. MOW Diablo Region extends a special word of thanks to all our sponsors, who can be found on our website here: <https://www.mowdiableregion.org/upcoming-events>. For more information about becoming a sponsor, contact Sherry Nadworny at [snadworny@mowdr.org](mailto:snadworny@mowdr.org).

Tickets for the Dining to Deliver Gala are available for purchase now, with all proceeds going to help MOW Diablo Region continue to deliver meals and supportive services to vulnerable seniors.

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun while making a difference to our older neighbors. We hope to see you there! Click for more information: <https://www.mowdiablregion.org/upcoming-events>.

**About Meals on Wheels Diablo Region:**

For over 55 years, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region has improved the lives of vulnerable seniors living in Contra Costa County by delivering nutritious meals and supportive services that allow seniors to remain in their homes safely and with dignity. Programs include home-delivered meals, Breakfast Bags, Grocery Bags, Fall Prevention, Cafés, Care Management, Friendly Visitors, Health and Wellness, and more.