

CASA PACIFICA

Casa Pacifica is now the largest provider of mental health crisis services for high-risk children in Santa Barbara County, with offices in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

To network and better inform the various agencies and interested volunteers about the services offered, a reception was held at the Santa Barbara Club. **Hon. Judge Frank Ochoa**, chairman of the Santa Barbara County advisory board for Casa Pacifica, hosted the event.

Members of the advisory board at the reception included: **Janice Keller**, Lompoc City Council; **Hilda Zacaris**, Santa Maria City Council; **Susan Pate**, Village Properties; **Denice Cora**, Mid-State Bank; **Richard Glaus**, deputy chief Santa Barbara Police; and **Donna Barranco Fisher**, education consultant.

Steven Elson, chief executive officer for Casa Pacifica, explained that last year, they launched the Children's Crisis Mobile Response to address a need in the community for quick accessible services.

Representatives from nonprofit service groups that aid children were there in support, including: **Maria Long**, executive director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and **Anna Kokokavich**, executive director of CALM (Child Abuse Listening and Mediation), **Jo Gifford** for the Women's Fund, Santa Barbara Foundation, as well as **Lynda Fairly**, executive director of Tres Condados Girl Scouts.

Jerry Horan was at the reception along with **Dr. John La Puma** and **Anne Kratz**, **Bibi Moezzi** of Business First National Bank, **Cynder Sinclair** of Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, **Jennifer Goddard** for Montecito Rotary Club, **Sarah DeTagyos**, **Suzanne Grimacy-Kirk**, **Meredith Scott**, **Karl Hutterer**, executive director of the Natural History Museum, and **Neil Levinson** with his wife **Jill**.

Casa Pacifica provides intervention services for children and their families to keep kids safe in their own homes and provides residential treatment for those ages 11 to 18 with severe emotional or