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CALM Fundraiser

The CALM Design Showcase home kicked off its month-long event with a "Sunset Soirée" on Saturday at Casa Robles, a 60-year-old totally renovated five-bedroom property, originally designed by architect Chester Carjola, who in 1939 helped turned the old Post Office into what is now the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

The hacienda, situated on a two-acre estate of bougainvillea and 91 oak trees, was the perfect setting for the sold-out gala, which benefits CALM's child abuse prevention programs.

Meredith Scott, who co-chaired the 20-year-old event with **Susan Day-Hosea**, said they had remained positive about the bi-annual showcase, despite the economy. "It's a wonderful location on a hilltop and certainly has the wow factor," added Meredith. "It was put together in just eight months and showcases the area's top talent and latest trends in interior design, architecture, and landscape design."

The event, which included a live auction for a trip to Paris and the Loire Valley, and a Tiffany champagne raffle, is expected to raise around \$150,000 for CALM – Child Abuse Listening and Mediation –, which was founded in 1970 to reach stressed parents in danger of hurting their children.