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Press Release

**Honda Presents the 24th Annual
For Our Children Food & Wine Festival**

American Honda Motor Co., Inc. presents the 24th annual For Our Children Food & Wine Festival on Sunday, April 26, 2009 hosted by Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation and Sandpipers. Held at the Torrance headquarters of American Honda Motor Co., Inc., proceeds benefit Providence Little Company of Mary's Partners for Healthy Kids mobile pediatric van and Sandpipers South Bay programs. Other major sponsors include Classic Tents, *Travelstore* and Bennett Landscaping.

Guests will experience gourmet foods and fine wines from over 90 restaurants and wineries. The spectacular silent and live auctions feature unique gift items, sports tickets and memorabilia, dining, entertainment and exciting travel packages. Opportunity tickets for the 2009 Acura MDX donated by American Honda Motor Co., Inc. are available for \$100. ONLY 750 tickets will be sold.

Event co-founder Sharon Martinez is excited about this year's festival and grateful for the opportunity to help others. Martinez explains, "For Our Children has raised over two million dollars for local charities and foundations in the past 23 years. What a privilege it is to be a part of this partnership!"

The Partners for Healthy Kids mobile pediatric van visits local schools in San Pedro, Wilmington, Lawndale, Hawthorne and Gardena. Little Company of Mary's staff provides medical care for underserved and uninsured children. This includes health check-ups, medical care for sick and injured children as well as immunizations.

Ticket prices are \$150 presale and \$175 at the door. For event information and tickets, visit www.sandpipers.org/events or call For Our Children event line at 310.374.1748, ext 6.

Sandpipers is a 100% volunteer 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to serving the needs of the South Bay. Sandpipers programs include: four-year college scholarships; food, clothing, and emergency aid to hundreds of needy women and children; and volunteer community service support to local agencies.

Providence Little Company of Mary Foundation is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization providing institutional support and community outreach through Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Centers in San Pedro and Torrance. (www.providence.org)

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