

**Press Release:**

Title : **Charlie Palmer's Dry Creek Kitchen 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pigs and Pinot Event donates \$15,000 to the Healdsburg Education Foundation for Music in the Schools**

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**Wednesday, October 12, 2011, Healdsburg, CA** -- Charlie Palmer's Dry Creek Kitchen is donating \$15,000 raised from the Sixth Annual Celebration of Pigs and Pinot to the Healdsburg Education Foundation to fund the Recycled Rhythm program, which provides all 250 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders with beginning instruction in reading music, complex rhythm patterns, and exposure to a full spectrum of percussion instruments. "This year we chose to direct a portion of the proceeds from Pigs and Pinot to support the arts in Healdsburg's public schools. So often the arts are passed over for other subjects, so we are proud to be able to bring more music instruction into the schools and impact so many local students through the Recycled Rhythm curriculum," stated Lisa Palmer, wife to Chef Palmer, who advises on the direction of the philanthropic side of Pigs and Pinot.

This is the third year that Charlie Palmer and the Dry Creek Kitchen have awarded HEF funds from the Pigs and Pinot Annual Event. Last year, an award of \$10,000 was made which provided funding for technology – five sets of computers, projectors and printers - for the Healdsburg Junior High teachers, enabling instructors to incorporate technology into the school day and draw upon strong educational resources now available through the internet. 2011's Teacher of the Year, Robin Dougherty, states, "The equipment allows me to provide examples of student work to the class as they are working on a problem, thus providing another method for the students to absorb the math curriculum."

Charlie Palmer's Dry Creek Kitchen 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pigs and Pinot event is scheduled for March 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The event spotlights one of the classic matches - port and pinot noir with two days of eating and wine tasting activities, including: the annual Friday night Taste of Pigs and Pinot featuring over 60 top Pinot Noirs from around the world paired alongside creations from local restaurants and guest celebrity chefs, Saturdays cooking and wine seminars and a grand gala dinner at Dry Creek Kitchen.

The Recycled Rhythm class is an integral part of the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade Healdsburg Elementary School Enrichment Program, which is completely funded by the community through HEF and the HES PTO. The Enrichment Program provides all 750 K-5<sup>th</sup> graders with classes including: art, music, drama, computers, science exploration, fitness, chess, Lego-Robotics, and yoga. Recycled Rhythm ties social studies, science and the use of found/recycled materials into musical instruments. Developed by Ami Mollinelli, in concert with the Getty Center and Los Angeles City School District, this class uses dance, movement, composition and song via a percussion based curriculum.

For more information about Charlie Palmer's Pigs and Pinot event, please contact: [www.pigsandpinot.com](http://www.pigsandpinot.com). For more information on the Recycled Rhythm project or any other HEF related matters, please contact Pamela Swan, HEF Executive Director at 433-1223 or [pswan@hefschools.com](mailto:pswan@hefschools.com). A video, produced by the Healdsburg High School Digital Arts students, that highlights the Recycled Rhythm program is available for viewing from the HEF website: [www.hefschools.com](http://www.hefschools.com).

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