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Winery Hosts Healing Field Dinner

April is child abuse prevention month

SUGAR LAND, TX...Dave Stacy, owner of Circle S Vineyards in Sugar Land, believes in giving back to his community. On Monday evening March 28, Stacy hosted a dinner at his winery, Circle S Vineyards of Sugar Land, to raise funds and awareness for the Healing Field and the Prevention of Child Abuse. The Exchange Club of Sugar Land is creating a Child Abuse Healing Field of over 1500 3' x 5' American flags. The flags represent the abused children of Fort Bend County and will be displayed for one week beginning April 1, 2005 in the field between Methodist Hospital and First Colony Mall.

A portion of the proceeds from the dinner were presented to the Exchange Club at their breakfast meeting on Wednesday March 30, to support the work of child abuse awareness and prevention in Fort Bend County. Stacy pledged to match Circle S Vineyards' amount, regardless of how large it was; dollar for dollar, as a personal gift to the cause.

Money raised through this event and from the sale of flags to the public will be donated to Child Abuse Prevention Agencies including ESCAPE Family Resource Center and Child Advocates of Fort Bend County. There were nearly 1900 cases of child abuse reported in Fort Bend County in 2004. "It is shameful and startling to see that so many children are in danger," states a Health and Human Services spokesperson. "Schools, health care professionals - all of us - must commit ourselves to preventing child abuse with far greater effectiveness than we have in the past."

For more information call the winery at 281/265-9463, or visit Circle S Vineyards at www.circlesvineyards.com.