

Don't miss out on fairytale ball in aid of Camphill

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Bona Dea Estate in Hemelen-Aarde Valley has joined the generous individuals and businesses in Hermanus that are pulling together to raise the funds needed to upgrade the security at Camphill School.

As the school's neighbour, this luxury estate and function venue will be hosting the Bona Dea charity fund-raising ball on 2 November. The event will include fine dining, dancing and the auction of luxury items that include a young race horse and a holiday on the Greek island, Skia-thos.

The co-owners of Bona Dea, Robert and Diddi Johnson, are responding to the urgent need at Camphill for security upgrades that include fencing an unprotected area of about 500 m and gated access to the premises. Camphill houses children and adults who are mentally challenged and their safety has been compromised by a spate of burglaries and attempted burglaries in recent months.

"The Bona Dea charity ball is rapidly gaining momentum," says Diddi. "Our friends, suppliers and business contacts are rallying together to help raise a serious amount of cash for Camphill. Donations tax certificates are in place for sponsors and donors from R5 000 in value, and we are extremely grateful for the generous sponsorships that are streaming in.

"Hamilton Russell Vineyards have come on board by sponsoring the wine for the evening to the amount of about R35 000, and Anthony Hamilton Russell will be our MC for the event. Other wine

producers in the area have also agreed to sponsor prizes and auction items."

The four-course fine dining menu has been designed by Zest catering, who will be donating the cost of their labour and the profits to this worthy cause. Even the mayor, Nicolette Botha-Guthrie, has purchased her own ticket for the event.

"We are very proud to say that only two tickets will be given away – to the Camphill School headmaster," says Diddi. "Everyone else is paying for their own tickets, even the donors, sponsors and contributors."

The event will start at 18:00 on Saturday 2 November, so that guests can enjoy the champagne, canapés, music and sunset views. The auction will be conducted by Adek and overseen by Juan Pieterse from BNP Accounting, who will also be administering the funds. The lucky draws and the auction will start after the main course, followed by dessert and coffee. Thereafter the spacious checkered dance floor will be open for dancing. And to replenish the guests, a midnight snack will be provided.

The event can accommodate about 150 people and the tickets are R1 000 per person. Of these tickets, there are 36 VIP tickets available at R1 500 each. The dress code is formal in colors of black or white or a combination thereof.

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