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Financial firm fosters ties to our local community

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In an inspired evening presented to clients, friends and organizations, local financial firm Kipp Brant Drummond and Associates shared its personal vision for success.

Financial planner Stephen J. Kipp's new ensemble wealth management firm, Kipp Brant Drummond and Associates is comprised of dedicated financial planners known for their support of charitable organizations. At a rollout event January 18 at Ventura's historic Pierpont Inn, guests of Kipp Brant Drummond and Associates enjoyed a rare and intimate performance on violin by Nuvi Mehta, Artistic Director for the Ventura Music Festival.

The evening began with anticipation as guests mingled together renewing friendships and making new connections. Although one purpose to the evening was to bring awareness to the importance of financial and estate planning, Kipp Brant Drummond and Associates (KBD) also shared the company's vision to attendees through examples of its support of local non-profit organizations and the arts, The Ventura Music Festival in particular.

A rare performance on violin featuring several concertos by Nuvi Mehta, artistic director for the Ventura Music Festival, now in its 13th season, was granted as a thank you to honor KBD's involvement in our local community through its generosity and

continued support of the Ventura Music Festival as well as numerous other charities and non-profit organizations.

"The Kipp Brant Drummond organization is dedicated to being helpful to their community and we trust they will continue to help us bring beautiful music to the public through the Ventura Music Festival," said Cheryl Heitmann, Ventura Music Festival executive director.

In fact, community service, gift giving, monetary contributions and support are key components to the overall planning processes and vision at KBD. When Stephen J. Kipp considered adding new partners John Brant of Ventura and Darryl Drummond of the KBD Lodi office to the

firm, he considered much more than their individual client lists - he also was keenly interested in their individual levels of personal community involvement.

"The values had to match," Kipp says. "I do not consider financial planners as partners if they do not have a proven track record of giving back to their local communities through service, commitment and support."

The social event brought together members of local society, board members of non-profit and private organizations, prospective and current clients and friends of Kipp Brant Drummond and Associates.

KBD's roots run deep in commitment to communities throughout Ventura County. The firm and

its staff is involved in local cultural, educational and non-profit organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club, Ventura Rotary, Ventura Music Festival, Rubicon Theatre Company, WAV, American Cancer Society, Focus on the Masters, Salvation Army - Transitional Living Center, Hillside Conservancy, Bell Arts Factory and many more.

In addition, the Ventura office of KBD and Associates often donates 45 percent of its radio schedules to non-profit organizations, allowing the entities to broadcast messages without incurring additional costs. Beneficiaries of past broadcast donations range from Ventura's Rubicon Theatre to the Ventura Rotary's annual Fourth of July celebration.