

Buy Me Love event benefits local, national charities



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SOLANA BEACH — Valentine's Day is the perfect day to start a new love. And, to this end, Buy Me Love Benefits, a new singles event company, held a bachelor and bachelorettes auction on Feb. 14 at the Belly Up Tavern.

An offshoot of Puppy Love Parties that raised money for the North County Humane Society, the Buy Me Love Benefit Bash is the brainchild of Diane Michael and Lindsay Trowbridge. Money raised goes to the charity of the bachelor/bachelorettes choice such as Voices for Children, San Diego Music Foundation, North County Humane Society, Children's Hunger Fund, Polinsky Children's Center and the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

Bachelorette Lisa explained, "I chose the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America because at age 32, my best girlfriend was diagnosed with the disease."



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Bachelors were identified by wearing leis, and bachelorettes wore boas during the mingling portion of the evening, as they poured wine for guests into a special heart-shaped glass.

A special VIP party was held an hour prior to the event, which offered one-on-one chat time with the bachelors and bachelorettes, a complimentary drink, and hors d'oeuvres.

Each participant brought their own date package with them, ranging from Eric Clapton tickets, dinner at George's at the Cove, the 2007

Legends Party at Seu's and a private plane ride to Catalina Island for lunch.

DJ Monique from JACK FM and Marc Paskin hosted the event.

Michael and Trowbridge plan to hold singles events on a regular basis at popular bars and lounges in the area. One hundred percent of the auction money benefits local charities. Upcoming event details can be found on www.buymelovebenefits.com.

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