

# MISSION VIEJO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

*By Cindy Williams*  
 Mission Viejo Christian School (MVCS) celebrated its twenty-fifth year with a spectacular Silver Anniversary Gala on Saturday, May 11th at the Coto de Caza Golf and Racquet Club. This was the fifth year the school hosted an annual gala event, and it far exceeded all expectations in both the numbers of guests in attendance and the generosity of their donations.

Leslie Lawicki, Development Director, explained, "When we started planning this gala a year ago, we wanted to make sure it was extra special in honor of our anniversary. We actually moved venues in order to accommodate more people, and we still sold out! We had a dedicated group of volunteers who, along with my partner and colleague, Cindy Williams, Assistant Development Director, worked tirelessly to make this our most successful and most profitable gala in the history of our school. It was an amazing night, celebrating and honoring the administration, staff, teachers, and families who make MVCS what it is today."

The fun began as soon as guests arrived as they perused the tables full of silent auction baskets available for competitive shopping excitement. The basket themes covered the gamut of interests from weekend excursions to cooking essentials, spa days to a complete cache of Nerf products. Guests also maneuvered to outbid each other for exciting outings for their children with teachers and staff members. The opportunity to

be "Facilities Director for the Day," which included being chauffeured around campus in a golf cart, was a particularly hot commodity.

Festivities continued during dinner as guests were treated to a sneak peek performance of MVCS's Spring Musical, "The Wizard of Oz," before the auctioneer lead everyone in an exciting game of Heads or Tails, and the live auction fun proceeded.

Amid the excitement of the bidding, the highlight of the evening was the opportunity to celebrate a founding member of the school, Connie Elkins Davey, as she prepares to retire. A video made for the 25th Anniversary Gala mentioned how MVCS has been changing lives since it was founded in 1993, and the importance of looking back with gratitude, while also looking forward with excitement. Mrs. Davey has been part of MVCS through it all, from its humble beginnings with just 48 students to its current enrollment of nearly 450 students in kindergarten through eighth grade classes. Principal Bob Sladek and Assistant Principal Kari Hollerbach expressed gratitude for Mrs. Davey's faithful service and appreciation for her vital role in laying the foundation for successes yet to come. They vowed to continue her efforts, preparing students to achieve their greatest potential with character, honor, and integrity.

More information about MVCS is available on the school's website ([missionviejochristian.com](http://missionviejochristian.com)) or by calling 949-465-1950.



Guest were treated to a sneak peak of Mission Viejo Christian School spring musical Wizard of Oz



A Silver Anniversary Gala portrait station helped to commemorate the night



Sold out Mission Viejo Christian School Gala



All 50+ Members of Mission Viejo Christian School current faculty and staff were among those in attendance to celebrate the school's 25th anniversary.



Mission Viejo Christian School annual Gala provided a great opportunity to dress up an enjoy a night out with spouses and friends



Connie Davey one of the founding members of Mission Viejo Christian School with her husband Jim Davey