



## **HOLIDAY GIFT-WRAPPING COMPETITION TO BE HELD AMONG 10 OC CHARITIES**

### **(Nello Cucina at South Coast Plaza To Host First-Time-Ever Event Friday, Dec 9)**

They'll be armed with scissors, tape, ribbons, bows, wrapping paper and a heaping dose of creativity. Representatives from 10 of OC's leading nonprofits will engage in a gift-wrapping competition sponsored by Nello Cucina, an Italian restaurant situated on the lobby level of South Coast Plaza's tony Crystal Court (3333 South Bear Street) in Costa Mesa. A panel of judges will determine the winner of the contest designed to see which of the 10 charities can pull off the most elaborate and festively decorated package in a 15 minute period. The winning organization will receive a \$2,500 catering event that they may redeem in a variety of ways (e.g., a silent auction item, VIP dinner for donors, staff holiday party, etc.)

The public is invited to attend the festivities that are sure to be filled with excitement thanks to the talents of some of the region's best gift wrappers. A post-event buffet luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.; cost is \$15 per person and includes a complimentary gift card for a later visit to Nello Cucina. For more information call 562-491-1000.

Participating charities include the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Make-a-Wish Foundation, Blind Children's Learning Center, Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, Alzheimer's Foundation, Beckstrand Cancer Foundation, Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter, Veteran's First OC, Speech & Language Development Center and THE Breast Cancer Fundraiser.

Nello Cucina is a classic trattoria offering a wide variety of traditional Italian fare. Pasta is made fresh on the premises daily using top-quality ingredients; fresh fish, chicken, veal and beef entrees are made with precision by a dedicated culinary team; authentic, thin-crust Neapolitan pizzas -- considered some of the best in Orange County -- come out of the restaurant's wood-burning oven; and a dizzying array of desserts top off the varied menu. Visit [www.nellocucina.com](http://www.nellocucina.com).

Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County is working to eliminate hunger in Orange County. Through a network of nearly 500 local member nonprofits, the Food Bank distributes over 16 million pounds of nutritious food to our neighbors in need every year. For every \$1 donated, 94.6 cents goes directly to our food programs. To learn more about our work in the community – and how you can help – please see [FeedOC.org](http://FeedOC.org).

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