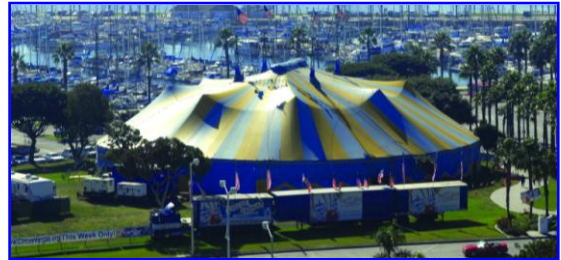




PARTNERSHIP OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS AND CIRCUS VARGAS

Circus Vargas is offering a substantial discount on tickets to its Opening Night at the Puente Hills Mall on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the 7:30 show. Those bringing non-perishable food items for the Coalition will receive tickets for the General Admission section at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. General Admission section seats are normally \$20 and \$15, respectively. At other shows, a \$5 discount will be offered on General Admission or Arena seats with a food donation.



Circus Vargas has a long history of philanthropic contributions, partnering with numerous charities and organizations, such as Pediatric AIDS, AIDS Foundation, Make-A-Wish, Kids Cancer Connection, Special Olympics, the Boys & Girls Club, and various Food Banks, among others.

“We are always pleased to be able to give back to the community,” said Joan Hart, Marketing Director for Circus Vargas. “If we can help raise awareness for a worthy cause, through our performance, through our art...well then, we are doubly fortunate. And in the West Valley, we have found an opportunity to work with the West Valley Food Pantry.”

“We’re so grateful that Circus Vargas has decided to help fill our shelves by offering discounted tickets for people donating on opening night,” said Angelica Michael of the Coalition. “Food drives like these are a very important source of food for us, especially now as we serve more clients than ever before.”

The East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless is an interfaith coalition of volunteers which works with public agencies, private organizations, foundations, and ecumenical groups in the community to serve the needs of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. The Coalition operates winter shelters at seven different local churches. These churches have generously partnered with our organization to host the shelters so adults and children can have a safe, warm haven during the winter. We also provide emergency assistance and job/shelter transitional homes. The Coalition needs donations of bagged beans or rice, pasta, boxed meals, canned meat or soups, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, and other shelf-stable items.

“It’s amazing, the feeling you get when you’re able to bring the magic of the circus to an audience that might never have been able to see it otherwise,” exclaims Katya Quiroga, President and owner of Circus Vargas. “This is a great experience all the way around! It’s gratifying and rewarding for the performers, and it’s exciting and entertaining for the audience. We think everyone should be able to experience the magic of Circus Vargas, and we are very proud to be able to make that happen.”

Circus Vargas 2009 will appear at the Puente Hills Mall, Thursday, September 17-28. For tickets and information: www.circusvargas.org, 877/GOTFUN1 (877/468-3861).

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