



**Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association Supports
Angwin Community Ambulance and Howell Mountain Education Foundation**

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Angwin, CA – Proceeds from the annual Taste of Howell Mountain not only went to the Howell Mountain Elementary School this year, but also to the Angwin Community Ambulance in the amount of \$2,000

Angwin Community Ambulance is a non-profit company staffed and operated by volunteers and supported by the Angwin Community Council and the Napa County community. Their response territory covers 250 square miles of northeastern Napa County including Angwin, Pope Valley, Berryessa Estates and northern Lake Berryessa communities and recreational areas.

In 2007, the Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association also donated over \$55,000 to the Howell Mountain Education Foundation which channels the money where needed most in the local community, especially to the Howell Mountain Elementary School and other local schools which petition the foundation for funding. This is a long-standing tradition of support for the local community and education system in Angwin by the Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers Association and will continue in 2008.

On Saturday, June 21st, the annual Taste of Howell Mountain will be held at the Charles Krug Winery in St. Helena. The event will feature a wine tasting of Howell Mountain appellation wines along with a silent and live auction. Auction proceeds will benefit the local community and education system. The public is invited to this leisurely and pleasurable afternoon under the sun and trees, sipping wine, enjoying friends and all in a gorgeous setting. The event begins at 2:30 pm with the wine tasting and silent auction with the live auction following. People come from all over the United States to enjoy this rare event when all the winemakers of Howell Mountain make their products available to the public.

Highlights of last year's auction included a collection of magnums from winemaker Randy Dunn which brought in nearly \$10,000. There was a tie for top bid of the evening with the Howell Mountain Home Winemaker's Kit going for the same amount. This auction lot includes grapes, barrels, bottles and everything else you need (including a consulting winemaker) to make your

very own Howell Mountain wine. This lot is a tradition at the event, so look for it this year as well. Other high bids came in for dinner and movie under the stars at Summit Lake Vineyards, donated by the Spence and Griffin families, a BBQ for 20 with Herb and Jennifer Lamb at Herb Lamb Vineyards, and a Spanish feast with the Pina family.

Tickets are now available online at www.howellmountain.org or by calling 707-965-2665. Price is \$95 per person in advance or \$125 at the door. Gourmet food will once again be provided by Knickerbocker's catering. For more information on the Howell Mountain Vintners & Growers or the Taste of Howell Mountain, contact Executive Director, Claudia Chittim, at 707-965-2665.

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