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RE: Precious Lamb's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show & Auction

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**May 17, 2017 Long Beach, CA – Fun & Successful Fundraiser for Precious Lamb**

Last Friday Precious Lamb Preschool hosted its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show & Auction for 300 guests gathered at Long Beach's newest venue The Modern, to celebrate artwork of their preschoolers, all homeless children in the city, created by Millikan High School and Biola University student artists. Art students from Millikan, under the guidance of teachers Roberta Patterson, Kathy Charvat, and Antoinette Bailey, studied and practiced portraiture art all semester to perfect their artwork. Biola students, under Associate Professor Kurt Simonson, visited the preschool capture a variety of images of the kids in their school environment. Together, they produced some truly amazing work and sold 100 pieces!

Lailanie Jones, Precious Lamb's Executive Director says this year was their most successful. "In our fourth year collaborating with Millikan (and second with Biola) this fundraiser has grown to become quite the go-to event in the community, selling out every year. I think it's our unique and symbiotic partnerships, which benefit both us and the older students as they understand service learning." The fundraiser was a huge success for Precious Lamb, which is a privately funded no-cost preschool for homeless children in Long Beach. Combined with a successful auction, raffle, and the generosity of many individuals, the event raised over \$50,000 and all proceeds will benefit the school's programming, including the expansion of a new classroom to meet the growing demand for services. Says Jones: "This is a very important fundraiser for our school. The money raised makes a big impact, as 80% of every dollar goes directly into the classrooms. It is neat to celebrate the students, for them to know the value of their work, and that most of the art is actually donated back to our Precious Lamb parents who could never afford a commissioned portrait of their child. This is a keepsake they'll forever treasure".

Special thanks to the Modern and all vendors, the many volunteers, and especially the attendees and artists.

More info and photos can be viewed at [www.preciouslamb.org](http://www.preciouslamb.org). Inquiries can be made to Erin Wilson,

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