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Savor Hospitality to Sponsor Reception for first Production

at Apex's New Halle Cultural Arts Center to benefit V-Day Saturday, March 8th

The first performance at Apex's Halle Cultural Arts Center is a community production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* to benefit V Day, a nonprofit grass roots movement dedicated to ending violence against women around the world. V-Day celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2008, with two performances in Apex: Saturday, March 8th at 8pm and Sunday, March 9th at 2pm.

In Apex, the production is happening because of a group of local women, who have already raised several thousand dollars for the V-Day cause since the fundraising Silent Auction on March 1st. Ticket Sales for the two performances are expected to bring in more funds this weekend. The sold out Saturday night production will feature a pre-show cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception sponsored by Savor Hospitality, a locally-owned Cary Catering Company since 2002. "One of the core values of our company has been community involvement," explains Todd Mohr, founder of Savor Hospitality. "We look for opportunities to support the causes and activities that are important to our community and to support those members of the community trying to do good things right here in the Triangle."

Savor Hospitality was founded in 2002 on the premise that corporate catering had needs that were going unfulfilled by the typical "delivery" lunch options. Since then the company has grown to include a private event venue located at 815 West Chatham Street in Cary and The Cooking School, which opened in the summer of 2007 and has already seen over 250 local residents learn and improve their home cooking skills.

The vision of Savor Hospitality is to provide an extremely high level of cuisine and personalized service for all events, both on-site and off-site, including: corporate luncheons and team-building events, business meetings, weddings and rehearsal dinners, birthday and anniversary parties, and holiday events. The vision for The Cooking School is to teach "method" cooking over learning recipes so that clients re-enter their kitchens with confidence and joy in the knowledge that they can make great family meal times at home. Free Introductory Classes are held monthly so that local culinaires can get a "taste" of the program. For more information, please visit <http://www.SavorHospitality.com>

V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day is a palpable energy, a fierce catalyst that promotes creative events to increase awareness, raise money, and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations. V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop worldwide violence against women and girls including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM), and sexual slavery. V-Day provides funding to create and nurture innovative programs to stop the violence. Through V-Day campaigns, local volunteers and college students produce annual benefit performances of "The Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness and funds for anti-violence groups within their own communities.

V-Day itself stages large-scale benefits and promotes innovative gatherings and programs (The Afghan Women's Summit, The Stop Rape Contest, Indian Country Project, and more) to change social attitudes towards violence against women. In 2002, more than 800 V-Day benefit events were presented by local volunteer activists around the world, educating millions of people about the reality of violence against women and girls.

The V-Day movement is growing at a rapid pace throughout the world. V-Day, a non-profit corporation, distributes funds to grassroots, national, and international organizations and programs that work to stop violence against women and girls. V-Day was named one of Worth Magazine's "100 Best Charities" in 2001. In its first five years, the V-Day movement has raised over \$14 million, with over \$7 million raised in 2002 alone. For more information, please visit <http://www.vday.org>