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Men in White Invade Honda Center for Orangewood & CASA OC 2012 Ducks Casino Night "Center Ice White Out"

Anaheim – It was a sea of white with touches of orange at Honda Center last Thursday night in support of local foster kids. A sold-out crowd of 650 guests joined the Anaheim Ducks on the floor of Honda Center for the Ducks "Center Ice White Out" casino night to benefit Orangewood Children's Foundation and CASA of Orange County. Ducks players, dressed mostly in all-white suits and white shirts, mingled with the crowd and rotated as dealers at the gaming tables. Thanks to an event committee led by Orangewood's 44 Women for Children auxiliary member Kimberly Kirksey and the support of title sponsor The Klein Family, the event raised \$100,000 for Orangewood and CASA of Orange County. Both charities serve foster children in Orange County.

Honda Center was decked-out in monochromatic white for the event, with white drapes that served as walls of the floor area, a white geometric lattice wall that separated the VIP area, and "modern performance artists" dressed in all-white or white and orange who danced to the music of DJ Serafin. Vegas-style games of Blackjack, Craps and Roulette were presented by San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino with Anaheim Ducks players rotating as dealers.

Guests were treated to predominantly white or orange food including: a blood orange specialty cocktail, lobster salad, duck and smoked gouda panini, oysters on the half shell, hand-rolled sushi and sashimi, white asparagus soup, and roasted butternut squash soup. Desserts included: white hot chocolate, white cake

pops, mini baked Alaska and a selection of orange fruits (cantaloupe, orange watermelon, and Cutie tangerines).

An extensive variety of silent auction items were available for bidding. Guests could also purchase tickets for an expanded array of opportunity prizes (increased from six items last year to 15 this year; see press kit for full list) (*Unfortunately, since the winners were determined by pulling tickets that had a numbers and not names, I do not have the names of the winners. Sorry about that.*)

In attendance were Duck's owners Susan and Henry Samueli (Susan is founding chair of the Orangewood's 44 Women for Children auxiliary and also an Orangewood board member); Ducks players including Team Captain Ryan Getzlaf, NHL 2012 All-Star Corey Perry, Cam Fowler, goalie Jonas Hiller, veteran fan favorites Teemu Selanne and George Parros; Ducks Head Coach Bruce Boudreau; title sponsors Jenny and Bill Klein; CEOs from both charities (Cal Winslow for Orangewood and Gene Howard for CASA of Orange County); Dennis Kuhl (Chairman of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim); and many hundreds of Ducks, Orangewood and CASA fans.