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## **Sammy Hagar Family and Friends Rock the House in Sold Out Benefit Show at the Sweetwater**

*Star-Studded Show Raises \$26,509 for Kiddo! Endowment for the Arts*

September 20, 2016 – Earlier this month, music lovers packed the Sweetwater Music Hall in Mill Valley for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual acoustic concert featuring amazing performances by rock and roll hall of fame star Sammy Hagar and guitar master Vic Johnson. It was truly a family affair that also included stage appearances from Sammy's wife Kari, as well as sons Aaron Hagar and Andrew Hagar (aka Drew Hagus). The 2 hour performance raised \$26,509 for the Kiddo! Endowment for the Arts.

Long-time Mill Valley resident and local celebrity, Sammy Hagar, who hosted the show along with wife Kari, the Hagar Family Foundation, and Hagar's El Paseo Restaurant, was excited by the enthusiastic turnout for a cause he and his wife hold dear. "Our children were educated in the Mill Valley School District," explained Hagar, "Kari and I are so grateful for the broad arts education they received thanks to funds raised by Kiddo!. We are thrilled to be able to support the Kiddo! Endowment, and help ensure that all of the children of Mill Valley have the same benefits for years to come." The show not only featured amazing acoustic performances by Hagar and Johnson, but was also a family affair, with sons Aaron and Andrew (aka Drew Hagus) performing sets and Hagar's wife, Kari, on stage for a few tunes. VIP donors funded and enjoyed a stunning, intimate pre-show dinner in

El Paseo's Sunnyside room featuring inspired cuisine from new Chef Todd Shoberg (previous owner and Executive Chef of Molina Mill Valley).

The Mill Valley Schools Community Foundation established the Kiddo! Endowment for the Arts in 1986 to create a secure and perpetual source of funding for arts programs in the Mill Valley School District.

"What an incredible night!," exclaimed Bill Lampl, Kiddo! Executive Director, "Not only was this an exciting event for the community, but I'm thrilled that the Hagars, El Paseo, and all of the folks who came out for the show tonight, are helping us grow the Endowment."

**El Paseo Restaurant:** Located in the heart of downtown Mill Valley, the new menu highlights seasonal ingredients with uplifting clean flavors from the bounty of Northern California's coastal region. Enjoy a delicious meal or glass of wine on El Paseo's charming brick patio or cozy dining room; Bubbles & Bites daily 4-6, Wine Flights every Tuesday, Once-a-Month Wine Collector Dinners, check the web site or connect via FaceBook for all of the latest offerings. El Paseo Restaurant at 17 Throckmorton Avenue in Mill Valley.

**Kiddo! Endowment for the Arts:** In 1986, Kiddo!, the Mill Valley Schools Community Foundation, which funds programs and teachers in the Mill Valley School District, established the Kiddo! Endowment Fund with the aim of providing a perpetual source of secure funding for Kiddo! programs. The fund has since grown to its current value of approximately \$5.5 million. Since the fund's creation, proceeds have been used to fund ongoing programs and seed promising new initiatives. Income from the Endowment currently funds approximately 7% of Kiddo!'s annual program expenses. [www.kiddo.org](http://www.kiddo.org)