



EL GAUCHO® SEATTLE RAISES \$145,895 FOR SEATTLE'S UNION GOSPEL MISSION

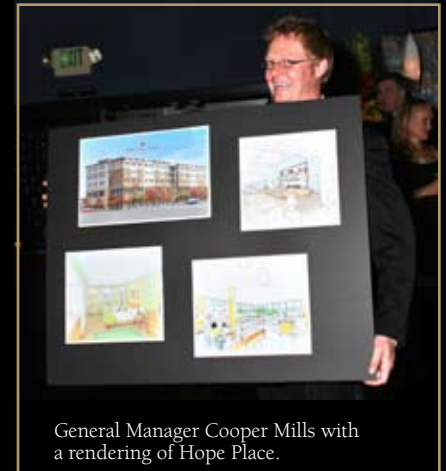


Paul Mackay with auctioneer, Mardi Newman.

The Washington Restaurant Association's 2007 Humanitarian of the Year, Paul Mackay, transformed a typical Monday night at El Gaucho Seattle into a modish, charitable affair. Closing the doors to the public on October 15, 2007, the Seattle restaurateur hosted "A Promise for Tomorrow," the second annual auction and dinner benefitting Seattle's Union Gospel.

Raising nearly \$146,000, the event treated 110 guests to first-class El Gaucho fare prepared by five of seven Executive Chefs from Mackay Restaurants, including Corporate Chef Ken Sharp. Wines and cocktails were served as firefighters mingled with guests; autographing calendars and posing for pictures.

The proceeds from the event will go towards Hope Place, a \$21.5 million project in the Rainier Valley that will provide critical support services, basic needs, and shelter to displaced women and children on the road towards independence.



General Manager Cooper Mills with a rendering of Hope Place.



From left to right: Chad Mackay, Executive Chef Tristan Holst (El Gaucho Tacoma), Corporate Executive Chef Ken Sharp, Executive Chef Steve Cain (Waterfront Seafood Grill), Paul Mackay, Executive Chef Travis Nash (Sea Grill), and Executive Chef John Broulette (El Gaucho Seattle).

The evening's most sought after items included a Long Shadows Vintners winemaker dinner for eight at El Gaucho Seattle (\$3250); Dinner for eight at Waterfront Seafood Grill with wines provided by DeLille Cellars plus four \$200 gift certificates to Karan Dannenberg Clothier and limousine service (\$3000); A week-long stay in Scottsdale in the private home of Bill & Becky Smead (\$2750); Judging for the 2009 Firefighter Calendar and VIP attendance to the Unveiling Party (\$2750); and tickets to the ultra-exclusive, by-invitation-only opening party of El Gaucho Bellevue (\$500).

