



## Press Release

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### *The 2024 Holiday Season Kicked Off with the Ruby Anniversary of the St. Germaine Children's Charity Silver Tea*

December 19, 2024: Over 300 supporters gathered on December 10 at the stately Ellsworth Family Residence in La Jolla's Muirlands neighborhood for St. Germaine Children's Charity's Ruby Anniversary Silver Tea. This year's Tea marked a special milestone for St. Germaine Children's Charity, reflecting 40 years of unwavering dedication from its volunteers, members, and the local community.

"The success of the Ruby Anniversary Silver Tea represents four decades of commitment the volunteers, members and community have to the organization's mission," comments Sherry Macelli, 2024 Silver Tea Chair. "We are deeply grateful to Laurie Ellsworth for sharing her exquisite home and creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for this annual holiday tradition."

"St. Germaine's legacy is a testament to the compassion and determination of those who believe in protecting children," added Michelle Brown, event Co-Chair. "This event showcases how much we can achieve together in the fight against child abuse."

The atmosphere was joyous as supporters and friends of St. Germaine enjoyed traditional tea sandwiches, holiday decorated cookies and sipped on festive beverages while bidding on an array of unique silent auction items thanks to Christine Moloney, Auction Chair. The festively decorated home was adorned with nutcrackers, a towering Christmas tree, holiday florals and impeccable holiday themed outdoor décor, creating the perfect setting for The Tea.

Janice Farnow, Board President underscored the importance of The Silver Tea: "This cherished tradition is not just a celebration—it's a lifeline. The funds raised at the event will provide critical support to agencies who tirelessly care for abused and neglected children in San Diego."

"On behalf of the Silver Tea Committee and St. Germaine Children's Charity Board of Directors, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, members, and guests for the extraordinary generosity," said Sherry Macelli. "Everyone's contributions of time, resources and passion are vital to our mission and inspire us to continue our work for San Diego's most vulnerable children."

*Since its founding in 1984, SGCC has contributed over \$5 million in cash and in-kind donations. For more information on the organization, to donate or join as a member, visit [stgermainechildrenscharity.org](http://stgermainechildrenscharity.org).*

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