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“A TASTE OF THE AMALFI COAST” IS THE RIGHT DISH FOR VNA MEALS ON WHEELS

The Visiting Nurse Association’s Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center was transformed into an Italian kitchen November 11 when “A Taste of the Amalfi Coast” was held to celebrate publication of “Mamma Agata: ‘Simple and Genuine’ Italian Family Recipes” and raise funds for VNA’s Meals on Wheels program.

The cookbook of family recipes was compiled by Chiara Lima, daughter of Mamma Agata. Chiara is director of Mamma Agata’s cooking school on the Amalfi Coast in Ravello, Italy, where her mother teaches cooking classes. Dallas was one of three U.S. cities where Chiara appeared during a book tour.

Guests at the luncheon sampled Mamma Agata specialties prepared by Chiara’s husband, Gennaro Petti – chef, sommelier, and professional cheese taster – who demonstrated cooking techniques for preparing authentic Amalfi Coast cuisine. The event also included a V.I.P reception, book signing by Chiara, and a fashion show by Saks 5th Avenue of Italian designer clothing and accessories.

Helen Nixon chaired “A Taste of the Amalfi Coast,” with Astrid Merriman serving as honorary chair. Other host committee members were Sara Crismon, Pat Schenkel, and Sue Wayne Strauss.

Sponsors included Central Market, Saks 5th Avenue, The Freeman Companies, Gold Crown Valet, Glazer’s, Jimmy’s Food Store, and Strong Travel Services.

Over \$110,000 was raised from “A Taste of the Amalfi Coast” for VNA’s Meals on Wheels program. *Molto bene! Grazie, Chiara!*



Chiara Lima with husband Gennaro Petti prepare authentic Italian cuisine for guests at “A Taste of the Amalfi Coast.”

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