

of the House. There was a lot to celebrate during this special year.

## Jazz at Twilight

A warm summer evening and a beautiful Atherton garden provided the perfect backdrop for “Jazz at Twilight,” a benefit concert for Healthy Young Attitude, a vital support network for young adults whose lives have been affected by cancer. Event organizers **Sheri Sobrato** and **Ann Morey** were thrilled with the sold-out success of the Friday night event.

This concert was presented by the Heart of Silicon Valley, a fund-raising group of young professionals. Founded in 2002, this group partners with different nonprofit organizations to host concerts in homes around the Peninsula — it was the seventh event. **Lewis Greer**, one of the founders of Heart of Silicon Valley along with musicians **Jeff Pollock** and **Dave Lewis**, said, “This is a once-in-a-lifetime event.”

Sobrato, a cancer survivor, explained that Healthy Young Attitude is a division of the American Cancer Society.

Founded in 1997 by Morey, the organization provides support; the sharing of ideas with young adults who are dealing with the physical and psychological effects of cancer diagnosis, treatment and recovery; referrals; and a place for young people to meet. Sobrato said, “This was an outreach event; it is time to expand into other communities.”

Healthy Young Attitude member **Lourie Campos** spoke of her experience with the support group; it helped her to meet her goals of going to Europe and to survive past five years. **Michel-Riyad Nabti** spoke of the difficulty in finding anyone his age who was going through his experience. Healthy Young Attitude members at the concert included **Evelyn Solorzano**, **Tony Cliff** and **Wafa’a Badriyeh**.

The evening featured fun food, wine tasting by Testarossa Vineyards and J. Lohr, and the opportunity to see young talented jazz vocalist **Jennifer Barnes**, who has just made her debut album, and her trio. Barnes was accompanied by her husband, Steve, on drums and well-known Venezuelan pianist **Otmaro Ruiz**.

She sang old favorites and original songs including a ballad titled “Emily” for her baby daughter. She comes from a musical family. Her father **Don Shelton**, who is a member of the Grammy-nominated **Hi-Lo’s**, also performed. Sister **Diane Ford**, who is executive director of the Sobrato Foundation, joined in for a lively rendition of “Crazy Rhythm Tales,” “So Many Stars” and “Blues in F.”

Applauding the performance were **Tiffany** (survivor) and **Mark Gelineau**, **Sandy** and **Joe Ferrando**, **John Morey**



**HEALTHY YOUNG ATTITUDE** members, from left, Evelyn Solorzano, Lourie Campos, Michel-Riyad Nabti, Wafa’a Badriyeh and Tony Cliff at the Jazz at Twilight fund-raiser.



**MUSICAL FAMILY** — Don Shelton of the Hi-Lo’s, left, with his daughters Jennifer Barnes and Diane Ford, who performed for the crowd.

**Jr., Don Morey, Joe and Bonnie Morey, Deanna and Ray Ferrari, Dan and Shelly Barsanti, Carolyn Schutz, Ted Rossi, Eileen Anderson and Charles Marsala.**

### Aptly named

The song lyrics “A Wonderful Way to Spend an Evening” summed up the event.

For information on Healthy Young Attitude, call 408-879-1045 ext. 134 or go to [www.hya.org](http://www.hya.org).

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