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Taste of Heritage Square event to benefit Pet Refuge

SOUTH BEND, IN/August 24, 2009/Martin's Super Markets/ -- Heritage Square merchants will present the first ever Taste of Heritage Square on Thursday, September 3 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., rain or shine. Proceeds from the event will benefit Pet Refuge, a not-for-profit "no-kill" animal shelter run by volunteers for the placement of unwanted and abandoned pets into responsible permanent homes.

Admission to the event allows adult guests to visit a wine and beer tasting presented by consultants representing local, regional and national vinters and specialty breweries. In addition, admission will include a sampling of specialty foods prepared by Heritage Square chefs, restaurants and retail establishments.

Live music will be provided by Jim Pickley Jazz Trio. Beverage and food booths will be under tents, so that visitors will be able to enjoy the full range of offerings whether rain or shine.

"In past years, we've hosted a similar wine and beer tasting event as a fundraiser for Pet Refuge," according to Elise Kunkel, community affairs coordinator at Martin's Heritage Square. "This year, we wanted to make it bigger and better, and the logical way to do that was to join together with our retail neighbors here and offer guests a "taste" of the unique offerings available from all the shops at Heritage Square.

The event is being presented by Heritage Square and Martin's Super Markets. Featured vendors include Dagwood's Sandwich Shoppes, Lily's Boutique, 1st Source Bank, Fannie May, Martin's Catering and Martin's Sushi. The event is sponsored in part by glance eyewear gallery, Jake's On The Square, Old National Bank and Mike's Carwarsh.

The event will be staged at the Town Square outdoor plaza at the north end of the Mishawaka retail development.

Tickets are \$20 per person and \$30 per couple, available in advance at the Customer Service Desk at Martin's Heritage Square or at the door the afternoon of the event.

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