

# CELEBRATION IN THE OAKS

January 22, 2001

Mr. Emil Steiffel  
Custom Catering, Inc.  
4016 Red Cypress  
Harvey, LA 70058

Dear Mr. Steiffel,

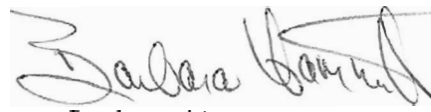
The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Preview Party was wet, cold and muddy, but in spite of the "hardly perfect" conditions the 2000 attendance dressed warm, partied hard, and had a wonderful time. **Kudos are in order** to all of our loyal restaurants, bars and entertainers who persevered with great attitudes and arrived to present their **fabulous food**, drinks and entertainment. We appreciate your patience and flexibility the night of the party adapting to the provisions that had been made to attempt to accommodate all donors under tents and cover. **It was a logistical nightmare**, but believe it or not, **we have only heard positive feedback, which reinforces our feeling that some of our best parties are in the rain!**

Plans are underway for our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Preview party, scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2001 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. We invite you to join us again, rain or shine, to celebrate the opening of our magical holiday light exhibit benefiting the New Orleans Botanical Garden and City Park. For your files we have enclosed a copy of the last year's Preview Party program, as well as a form that we request you return to confirm your participation in this year's party.

Thanks for being a true friend of City Park.

Sincerely,

  
Janet Larue  
Co-Chairman  
Celebration In the Oaks

  
Barbara Hammett  
Co-Chairman  
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